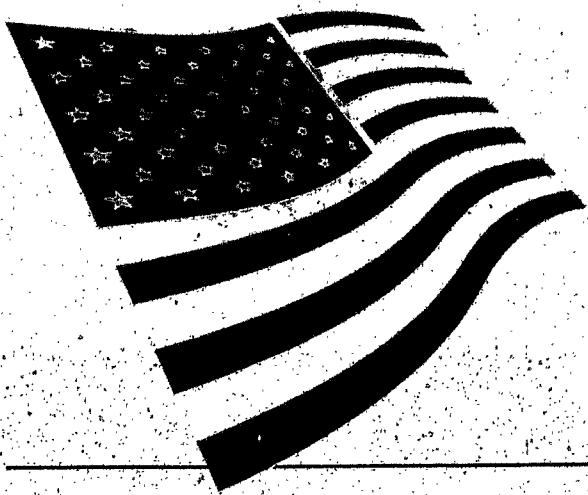
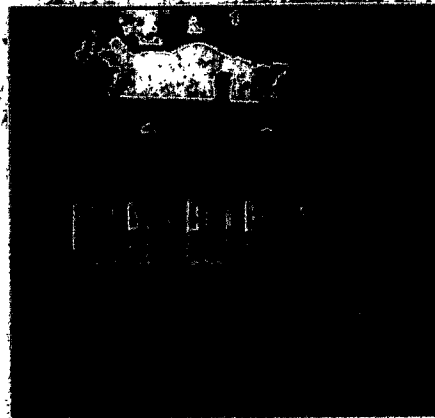


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The annual Pass Christian Historical Society's annual tour of the city's finest domiciles.
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MS's First Lady at Diamondhead today

The Hancock County Republican Club announced last week that Mississippi's First Lady, Marsha Barbour, will be speaking Thursday, April 29, at the Diamondhead Country Club. Social hour: 6:30 p.m. - Dinner: 7:00. Tickets \$25.00. For tickets, call: 467-1281.

Pearlington Cemetery Cleanup set May 1

The Pearlington Cemetery Association will hold a cleanup on Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m. until the work is done. For more, call 533-7790.

Post 2353 celebrates 'Loyalty Day' May 1

Theodore S. Price Post 3253 and Ladies Auxiliary will have a Loyalty Day Celebration on Saturday evening, May 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at post home. All Post and Auxiliary members are invited. The event will honor police, firemen, teachers, and others.

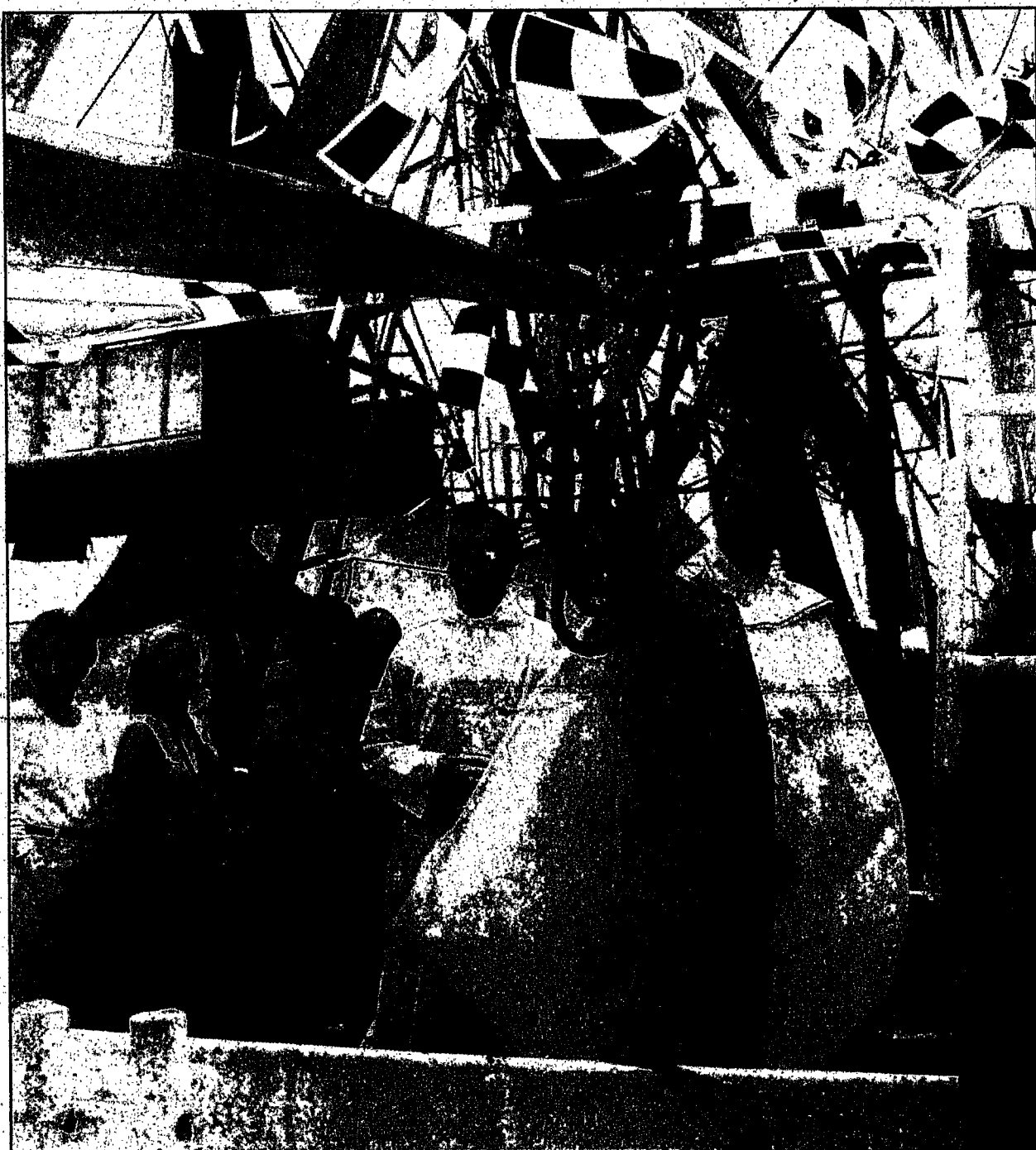
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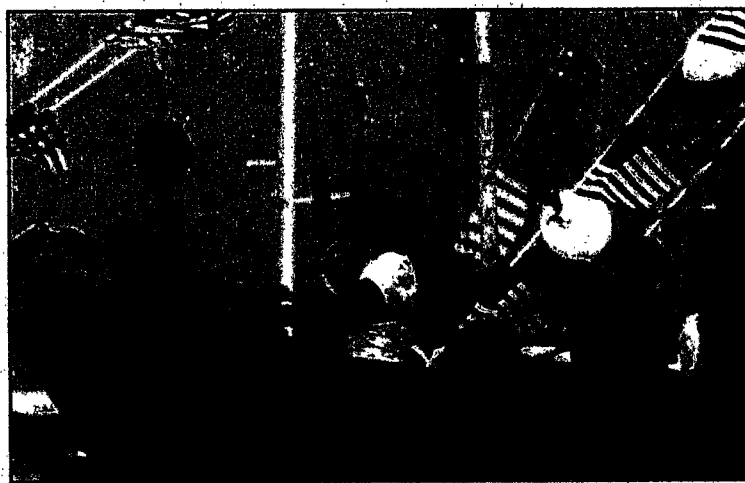
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ROCKIN' THE BOAT



Father Dennis Carver of St. Paul in Pass Christian and Father Chris Colby of Trinity Church bless a boat from the pier at Pass Christian Harbor Sunday during Blessing of the Fleet.

Blessed are the landlocked. The 28th annual Blessing of the Fleet in Pass Christian went off with plenty of hitches Sunday - all the boats had to stay in the harbor to avoid inclement weather and choppy waves - but that didn't stop the fun. Father Dennis Carver, Father Chris Colby and Father David Knight blessed the boats anyway. For more details and a complete list of winners, see page 1B.



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Police nab six on drug charges

Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force has busy week

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force arrested six people for alleged drug activities in the past week, according to a report from Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell and Bay Police Chief Jimmy Varnell.

Jermaine Galloway, 19, of Bay St. Louis was arrested Friday night by Sgt. Brent Anderson of the Waveland Police Department, according to the report, "who was notified by NTF Agent Ian Estorffe there was a warrant for his arrest on four counts of sale of a controlled substance, crack cocaine. Anderson was able to apprehend Galloway in a matter of minutes."



Galloway had been out on bond for felony assault of a police officer in Waveland. For the sales of a controlled substance, Galloway was then lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility in lieu of a \$80,000 bond, according to police.

On Saturday, Ronald James, 50, Jackson, and Melton Lewis, 36, Kiln were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, crack cocaine, according to the report.

"Waveland Office Ronald Storey conducted a traffic stop on Waveland Avenue, and discovered approximately \$200 worth of crack cocaine. Bond was set at \$10,000 for James, with no bond on Lewis as he was out on probation," the officers said.

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Wastewater treatment rates actually going down

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment District Administrator Sheryl Colson presented new figures for treatment costs to the three active members of the district, Waveland, Bay St. Louis, and Hancock County Water and Sewer District based on new flow and biological loading data.

The new figures do not indicate a change in budget amounts, said Colson.

Rates for the two cities actually decreased with the newest round of figures. Waveland's monthly cost went down from \$72,270 to \$70,004. Bay St. Louis' monthly cost went down from \$77,028 to \$71,908. Monthly treatment costs for the already financially ailing Hancock Water and Sewer District went up from \$40,088 to \$47,473.

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The first annual tour of Bay St. Louis artists' studios takes place today from 10am until 3pm. "Tour de Arts" is sponsored by The Arts, Hancock County's art organization and is part of a weekend long celebration of Spring. At left: The Lumbeyard Art Center Complete details on page 2A.

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It's not too late to join in Beans Cook-Off

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
 Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, general chairman for the 15th Annual Red Beans & Rice American Cancer Society's fund raiser, reports it is still not too late to participate.

"We still have a few slots open for 'people who can really cook a good pot' of red beans and rice," Favre stated.

The Cook-Off will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, May 3, at Casino Magic's Entertainment Complex, Bay St. Louis.

Anyone interested in further information can contact; Barbara Redding, Bay

City Hall at 467-9092, or Sandra Hoda, Hancock County Tax Collector's Office, 467-4425.

Hancock County Tax Collector/Assessor is the team recruiter and he along with Favre and Bay Fire Chief Bobby Gavagnie have been busy recruiting cooking teams.

There are five categories of competition; government, restaurants, organizations, business and family.

Gavagnie is the co-chairman for the Cook-Off and said, "The top winner will receive the Golden Bean Award and the Camellia Bean award goes for the most Creative Beans.

Trophies will also be awarded in each category."

"The general public also plays an important role in the Cook-Off, as they have the opportunity of voting for the Peoples Choices awards in each division," Gavagnie.

There will also be a corn bread award for the best corn cornbread again this year.

Tickets for the general public will be available, at the door at \$6 per person and it entitles one to eat as many beans and rice as they can eat.

There will be a silent auction, which Marilyn Finch, manager of Whitney Bank's Waveland branch is chair-

man. Anyone wishing to donate an item for the silent auction can contact Finch at 467-6578.

Volunteers from the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, (RSVP), will once again assist with ticket taking, etc., during the Cancer Society's fund raiser.

Melanie Mitchell is chairman of the 50-50 raffle and team contestants are provided six pounds of red beans, courtesy of Camellia distributors. Entrants supply the rice and (secret) seasonings used to prepare the beans. Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis provides the facilities to hold the event.



M. Schon Art and Antiques, 110 South 2nd Street, hosted by Marble Schon, part of the Old Town Studio Tour.

Old Town Studio Tour begins today

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The first annual tour of Bay St. Louis artists' studios takes place today from 10am until 3pm. "Tour de Arts" is sponsored by The Arts, Hancock County's art organization and is part of a weekend long celebration of Spring.

The tour features studios of several of Bay St. Louis's favorite artists, some open for the first time to the public.

All are located in the Old Town area, making driving or even walking from site to site an easy and exciting outing.

Studios open Thursday are:

Bay Clay Studio, 310 Old Spanish Trail (beside the Bay St. Louis Police Station), hosted by potter Talle Johnson.

"The Key of Sea," 300 Third Street, studio of Lee Robertson, hosted by artists Lee Robertson and Ellis Anderson.

The Lumbeyard Arts Center, 299 South 2nd Street, hosted by artists Susan Crane (The Painted Palm Studio) and Vicki Niolet.

M. Schon Art and Antiques, 110 South 2nd Street, hosted by Marble.

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The Poetry Center, 116 Sycamore Street

Stained Glass by Richie, 131 D Main Street, hosted by glass artist Richie Zitzmann

The Turquoise Turtle, 511 Ulman Street (behind the Bay St. Louis library), hosted by print-maker Gwen Impson

Maps for the tour will be available at the Welcome Center on Main Street as well as at any Old Town gallery. For more information, contact Susan Crane at 301-922-5136.

Artists' work needed to raise \$ for cancer research

Bay Saint Louis Director of Cultural Affairs Mike Cuevas is a breast cancer survivor, but she also lost her life partner and husband Sam to brain cancer last June. She lost her grandmother Reinike, an aunt, uncle and two first cousins to various forms of cancer. "I'm the lucky one in the family," she said.

"This month they have begun new treatment trials to treat patients with the same type of cancer Sam had, the preliminary results have been so successful that hopes are running high that the type of cancer that affected him will become as successfully treatable as other forms."

Knowing Cuevas' story and her professional connection with local artists for the last twenty years local volunteers working for the Red Beans and Rice Cook-Off and Relay for Life asked her to solicit local artwork for the silent auctions being held at both events.

"I have rarely asked a local artist to donate their work for any cause, but this time, this year, I am. Our family was together, with Sam, when the news of a possible cure was announced. We would have moved mountains if we could have gotten him the treatment, but for Sam it was too late and the treatment too early. It doesn't have to be this way for others."

if research and clinical trial funds are available, and if we can get patients to the treatment.

"So artists, if you can, help us help others. Call me if you can donate any piece of your work to be auctioned for the cancer cause. I'm not asking for your help representing the City of Bay Saint Louis, but as a Bay Saint Louis cancer survivor and loser. You can do what

others can't," asked Cuevas.

The work collected will be divided between the two fund raising efforts, Red Beans and Rice Cook-Off, May 3, Casino Magic Entertainment Center and Relay for Life, May 22, Highway 90 walking track.

To make a donation to the silent auctions please contact Cuevas or leave a message at 463-7120 or 467-4747.

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TRUCKER BUDDIES



Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shalibetter
Trucker Buddies started with trucker Gary King in November of 1992 and incorporated in 1993. By 1997 over 5,000 drivers were corresponding with students all over the country about their work and their travels. On Monday Trucker Buddy David Simmons from Brookhaven, MS, visited his pen pals at Waveland Elementary in Sharon Sutherlin's second grade class. The professional truckers help educate, mentor and enhance the student's education in the subjects of reading, writing, geography, social studies, history and mathematics.

Mississippi Curriculum Testing

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Students in grades two through eight who attend the Bay St. Louis-Waveland schools will take the Mississippi Curriculum Test on Tuesday, May 4 (Reading), Wednesday, May 5 (Language) and Thursday, May 6 (Mathematics). Parents, please be sure that your child is at school each day on time and prepared for the test.

Tips for Parents

Begin talking now to your child about the test in a positive manner. A good night's rest is needed beginning several days prior to testing. Plan daily nutritious breakfasts that avoid high sugar levels. Avoid any changes in daily routines.

Sample test items are available on line at

H Y P E R L I N K
"http://www.bwsd.org" **_www.bwsd.org_**. Go to the district web page. Click on parent resources on the left column. Click on MCT practice assessments. You will be able to print sample items for your child to use at home. The Hancock County Library has sample tests at all five branches.

Tips for Students

Stay calm. You are ready for the test.

Listen carefully to all directions. If you don't understand, ask questions.

Read each test question carefully.

Work slowly through the test. Remember that it is

not timed. Believe in yourself.

Test results from the Mississippi Curriculum Test will be available to parents at registration for the 2004-2005 school year. If you have any questions, please call your child's school. The principal, counselor, intervention strategist and your child's teacher(s) are available to assist you in any way to help make the testing process for your child as successful as possible.

Hancock High School Dance Team Spring Show

The Hancock High School Talons Dance Team will present their Annual Spring Show on Saturday, May 1st, 2004. The theme for the Spring Show is "Let's Dance!" and will begin at 7:00 pm at the Hancock High School Commons Area. The HHS Talons Dance Team performs year round at football games, parades, special events and competitions. Earlier this year, the Talons competed at the Mississippi State All-Star Competition and received a 1st place trophy

for their highkick performance within their Division. The Annual Spring Show is a fundraising opportunity for the Dance Team and the Performing Arts Department of Hancock High School, and has proven to be a popular and entertaining event. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance and may be purchased by any Dance Team member, or by contacting Ms. Jan White at 467-4655 or Ms. Diane Altman, 255-5393. You may also purchase tickets at the door for only \$5.00.

Hancock Lady Hawk State Championship team wants you at 'Celebration Dance'

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Lady Hawks' 2004 5-5A State Championship, featuring the "Country Playboys".
Date: Friday, April 30th,

2004

Place: KC Hall, Hwy 603, Kiln
Time: 7:30 til Midnight
Cost: 5.00 Per Person
Concessions will be available.

Old Spanish Trail Victory Church gospel singing

Old Spanish Trail Victory Church, 507 Hwy. 90 West Service Rd., will host the Angels of Joy gospel singers this Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Benefit set for Eddie Thornton on Saturday

There will be a benefit for cancer patient Eddie Thornton this Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. Events include a raffle, shooting match, live band and plenty of food.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Non-hazardous rubbish collection set this Saturday

On Saturday, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee will sponsor Non-Hazardous Household Rubbish, Debris and Tires collection in cooperation with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and road crews and will take place at the Diamondhead Shopping Center.

The hours for the special collection are 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

County road crews will be on hand with a front-end loader and trucks to carry away non-hazardous debris and tires.

This will be the fifth Saturday for the collection and the four prior ones have all been very successful, as many loads of debris and tires have been collected.

This is a good time to get rid of that old sofa, chair, mattresses, etc.

Hopefully, we will have a hazardous waste collection in late May, as the Board of Supervisors has Gulf Regional Planning Commission working to receive a grant for such cause.

We will keep you informed as we receive more information on that very special collection.

I can already taste those good old fashioned red beans and rice which will be on the menu along with cornbread Monday at the American Cancer Society's Cook-Off fund raiser.

The event will be held at Casino Magic's

Entertainment Complex from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to Bay Fire Chief Bobby Gavagnie, co-chairman for the event, there is still room for several more tons of folks who really know how to cook red beans and rice.

For further information contact; Barbara Redding at Bay City Hall, 467-9092, or Sandra Hoda at the Hancock County Tax office, 467-4425.

Admission for the general public is for a donation of \$6 each for the event in which you can eat all the red beans and rice you can hold.

Remember too, this is a fund raiser for a great cause, The American Cancer Society.

The Our Lady Academy Crescents took two thrilling games 1-0 Friday, to capture the Class 3-A South Championship in softball.

I could hear the crowd of OLA supporters roar as the games progressed against West Lauderdale.

On Saturday, OLA will take on the North State champs Caledonia, Confederates for one game.

The second and third game if necessary, will take place at McDonald Field in Bay St. Louis at the McDonald Field for the CLASS 3A State Title.

Best wishes goes out to the Our Lady Academy Crescents and it is hoped there will be a large turnout for Mondays game.

Fiesty 10th grader targets budget cuts

Sophomore Brittany Martinez was so proud this year that North Pontotoc High School at last had a journalism program and students could put out a school newspaper. They've called it the Viking Vibe.

And she could write for the paper. Something that would make her step-grandmother, retired veteran Mississippi reporter Norma Fields, proud.

In its first edition last fall, the Vibe featured many new assets at North Pontotoc, among them new teachers, new buildings, new classes, a new science lab. Upgrading the quality of the school's curriculum largely came from beefed-up K-12 funding pushed through by Gov. Ronnie Musgrove.

Fifteen-year-old Brittany is no dummy.

She's picked up the vibes that some of North Pontotoc High's improvements are in jeopardy now if education budget cuts advocated by Gov. Haley Barbour and the state Senate prevail over a House education funding plan.

Brittany realizes her precious Viking Vibe may well be one of those new school assets now on the chopping block if the budget cuts come.

So she is emphatically speaking out editorially in the upcoming issue of the Vibe, decrying what she sees is an "ominous sign" that the Senate is unwilling to support public education as a priority.

Specifically, the feisty

10th grader (with no prompting from her local school officials) zeroed in on several Northeast Mississippi senators who joined in defeating on April 15 by a vote of 28-21 the House's bill to fully fund the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

Superintendent John Simmons of the Pontotoc County school district has been put on notice by the state Department of Education that the district faces the loss of \$1.1 million next school year if the Senate/Barbour budget proposal cutting \$161 million from MAEP is enacted.

Simmons wouldn't say

for sure if the North Pontotoc school newspaper is on the endangered list. But he said he has already begun to gear up for possible program cuts. "We're trimming wherever we can," he declared.

While anxious school officials statewide have notified hundreds of teachers they will have no job next school year if the budget cuts go through, so far, Simmons said he has sent pink slips to only three teachers.

However, he quickly adds, if the Pontotoc County school district is whacked \$1.1 million, the jobs of at least 35 teachers are in danger. "I'm hoping and praying that we don't have to do that," he said.

Meantime in the halls of the state Capitol, the fate of MAEP funding

MINOR-5A

Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



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DuPont public hearing

Dear Editor,
For years DuPont DeLisle officials have said there are no problems with toxic emissions from their plant that could be the cause of widespread illnesses and death in the surrounding community.

But recently DuPont "discovered" it incorrectly estimated the amount of air pollution it has been releasing since 1989 and is requesting a "retroactive" increase in their air pollution limits.

DuPont has also applied for a new air permit called "DuPont DeLisle Plant Harris County Mississippi Sustainable Growth Program" that requests an increase in air permit limits to increase production by 16 percent.

They didn't even spell the name of our county, Harrison, correctly in the permit application.

Added to the fact that this big polluter has confessed incorrectly estimating the amount of pollution from their 1989 expansion, and you have to be very dubious about their claims of doing no harm to the community, and a request to pol-

lute even more.

DuPont was fined \$60,000 for violating their air permits for 15 years, a drop in the bucket when you consider this company is making \$500 million worth of product annually at DeLisle.

The corporation has made big profits off that plant, and now is the time to re-invest some of those profits into reducing pollution significantly from the plant that has the shameful record of being number one in the country for dioxin releases reported to the Toxic Release Inventory.

If you breathe the Coast's air, drink Coast water and eat local seafood, you have a stake in this issue.

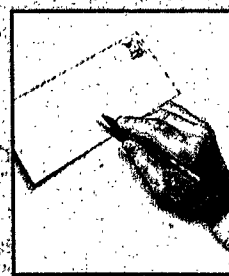
I urge residents to attend a public hearing on the proposed retroactive air permit and the new permit to increase pollution that will be held May 6 at 7 p.m. at the West Harrison (not Harris) Community Center on Espy Avenue in Long Beach.

Sincerely,
Rose Johnson,
Co-Chair,
MS Chapter Sierra Club

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters should be signed and include a daytime telephone number. Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and should not exceed 200 words. Letters should be sent to the Editor, The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-2009.



Historic preservation is needed in the Bay

As the owner of two historic properties in Bay St. Louis, I've been closely watching the debate over the preservation proposals currently under consideration by the city council.

I understand the concerns about property owner's rights, but perhaps shifting the perspective a bit would be helpful. If we can see ourselves as stewards of these proper-

ties that help make our community such a unique place, then we'd be willing to sacrifice a little short-term convenience for long-term benefits.

Our lifetimes are relatively short in comparison to the lives of these buildings and of this community. Owning a historic property is both a privilege and

LETTER-5A

Accelerated Readers set record at HMS



Theresa Seegar's 6th, grade reading class at Hancock Middle School has set a school record by reading 636 Accelerated Reader (AR) books and passing 501 tests on those books since March 2. Developed by Renaissance Learning, Accelerated Reader allows students to select appropriate books within their zone of proximal development to ensure that they are challenged by reading without being frustrated. The goal of Mrs. Seegar's class is to read 800 AR books by the end of April.

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remained in doubt, in an atmosphere of hardening political partisanship that largely finds Democratic lawmakers in the pro-education camp and Republicans in the opposition camp.

Mind you, the joint Senate-House conference committees (three members from each branch) that must agree on the two principal bills governing how much money K-12 will get, as of last week had not even been appointed, much less joined in the brutal struggle that is sure to come.

Thus, any idea the Legislature would adjourn the 90-day 2004 session on May 9, as ordained by joint procedural rules, appeared a mere pipe-dream, with the major decision yet to be reached on education—the state's No. 1 problem.

Gridlock, is almost certain this week to grip the

state Capitol, as this column had predicted at the start of the legislative session under the most highly partisan administration this state has ever seen.

The question then becomes: how long will it take to break the gridlock, and who will yield in order to break it?

Meantime, hundreds, probably even thousands, of teachers, parents, and other supporters of public education will be streaming to the Capitol bearing signs in protest of the Senate and governor's position.

The first mistake the Legislature, and the Barbour administration, made was to scrap the 2003-established "Musgrove Doctrine" to appropriate education funds in a package first in the opening month of the session. Once the commitment was made, it was

then up to lawmakers to find the funding.

The word is abroad in the education community that Barbour is trying to hold education hostage until he gets his tort reform measures passed.

However, battle-hardened House Speaker Billy McCoy, being the devout education backer that he is, most assuredly will see that nothing-tort reform among them--will move until the schools are adequately cared for.

Barbour came into office with the mantra that jobs were the first priority to raise Mississippi's quality of life. But educators and many others who have dealt with Mississippi's

problems longer and more intimately than Barbour strongly disagree.

They are convinced that the road to a better life in Mississippi runs first through the school-house door.

Listen to what Brittany Martin has to say about priorities: "I agree that changes need to be made to better Mississippi; however, I disagree that education should be anything less than the top priority."

The Ecu 10th grader adds that students want to know: "What is more important than our education?"

The decision-makers up at the state Capitol have to answer that one.

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a responsibility. We have a duty to future generations to keep the ambiance and character of this town intact as much as possible.

This makes great economic sense as well. Each day I talk to visitors who rave about Bay St. Louis. What they enjoy most is the fact that our old town area is still intact and we haven't allowed development on the beach.

THAT'S the reason they love it and that's the reason they'll return again and again. In twenty years, if we are able to maintain the current flavor of the town instead of going for the fast buck, I predict we'll be one of the most popular tourist destinations in the South.

One more point: Our rights as property owners are already restricted by the local government. It's accepted that the city oversees zoning, new construction and renovations. Permits must be issued and work inspected to make certain that it meets strict city standards. As anyone who has done any construction work in town knows, the process can be time consum-

ing and sometimes downright aggravating.

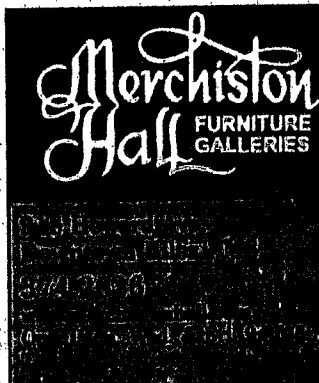
But our inspectors do a thorough job and the process serves to protect both the homeowner and the community at large. If we look at the preservation proposals in the same light, we'll support the current plan instead of changing it beyond recognition.

Many other cities and towns throughout the state have similar ordinances in effect.

I suggest that our city council contact officials in these towns. If the system is working well in other communities, it will work here. And instead of debating and delaying endlessly, perhaps we could put the system in place for a trial period.

We can work with it for a few years, re-evaluate and then make changes. But to preserve our heritage and our future economic prosperity, we need some sort of safeguards in place and we need them now.

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Health & Fitness

Free eye exams for Mississippians with diabetes

EyeCare America partners with govt. to reduce visual impairment caused by diabetic retinopathy

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of vision loss among adults in the United States. It causes up to 24,000 new cases of vision loss each year. Early detection, timely treatment and appropriate follow-up care can reduce the risk of blindness by 95 percent, even for people with estab-

lished and significant diabetic retinopathy. Here in Mississippi, it is estimated that approximately 52,000 individuals are afflicted with diabetic retinopathy.

In honor of Healthy Vision Month taking place in May 2004, EyeCare America, the public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, encourages seniors to take

advantage of its Diabetes EyeCare Program. This year-round program offers eye exams and up to one year of treatment at no out-of-pocket cost to qualified patients. To see if you, a loved one or a friend, is eligible to receive a referral for an eye exam and care, call 1-800-272-EYES (3937), 24 hours, seven days a week, year round.

All eligible callers receive a referral to one of Mississippi's 55 EyeCare America volunteer ophthalmologists.

"A significant percentage of the millions of patients with diabetes are at risk of losing their eye sight," stated C.P. Wilkinson, MD, Committee Chairman of EyeCare America's Diabetes EyeCare Program. "Those with diabetes can prevent blindness through annual dilated eye exams. I am honored to be part of a program that helps provide access to important medical eye care to people in need."

Healthy Vision Month is a national campaign sponsored by the National Eye Institute and the National Eye Health Education Program. The focus of Healthy Vision Month 2004 is to reduce visual impairment due to diabetic retinopathy. Millions of people with diabetes are at risk

of developing diabetic retinopathy, a leading cause of blindness. EyeCare America is a partner in the U.S. government's national effort to reduce visual impairment due to diabetes.

"I saw the doctor twice and will see him again in a year. He's very nice...a real star in my book! I am happy that you recommended him to me," said Jeanette Nini, an EyeCare America patient.

Facts About Diabetes and Eye Disease (1)

- Hispanics have three times the risk of developing type-2 diabetes as whites, and they also have a higher risk of complications

- Twenty-five percent of blacks between the ages of 65 and 74 have diabetes.

- Approximately 6.3% of the US population, has diabetes. An estimated 13 million have been diagnosed, but one-third are unaware that they have the disease.

- Everyone with diabetes is at risk for developing diabetic retinopathy, the most common form of diabetic eye disease.

- People with diabetes are 25 times more likely to lose vision than those without the disease.

- The longer a person has diabetes, the more likely is he or she to have retinopathy.

- In its early stages, diabetic retinopathy usually has no warning signs. Over time, however, the vision blurs and everyday tasks become more difficult. Vision lost cannot usually be regained.

- With timely treatment, 95% of those with significant diabetic retinopathy can be saved from substantial vision loss.

EyeCare America's Diabetes EyeCare Program (DEP) promotes annual, dilated eye exams for seniors with diabetes. DEP raises awareness about diabetic eye disease, including diabetic retinopathy, provides free diabetic eye disease educational materials and facilitates access to eye care.

People eligible for a referral through the program receive a comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of treatment with no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam. Volunteer ophthalmologists accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full.

EyeCare America's Diabetes EyeCare Program is designed for people who:

- Have diabetes
- Are US citizens or legal residents
- Are age 65 and older

- Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years

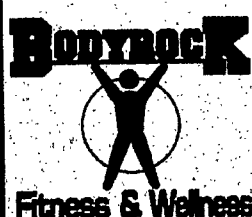
- Do not have eye care insurance through an HMO or the VA

For a Diabetes EyeCare Program referral, those interested may call 1.800.272.EYES (3937) toll-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

About EyeCare America's Public Service Program

EyeCare America's national public service program provides access to eye care for the medically underserved and for those at increased risk for eye disease through volunteer ophthalmologists who donate their services. More than 90 percent of the care made available through EyeCare America is provided at no out-of-pocket cost to the patients. The organization operates programs for seniors, glaucoma, diabetes, and children, and is one of the largest programs of its kind in the United States. Since 1985, EyeCare America's public service program has helped more than 650,000 people and treated more than 180,000 cases of eye disease. More information can be found at: www.eyecareamerica.org or <http://www.eyecareamerica.org/>

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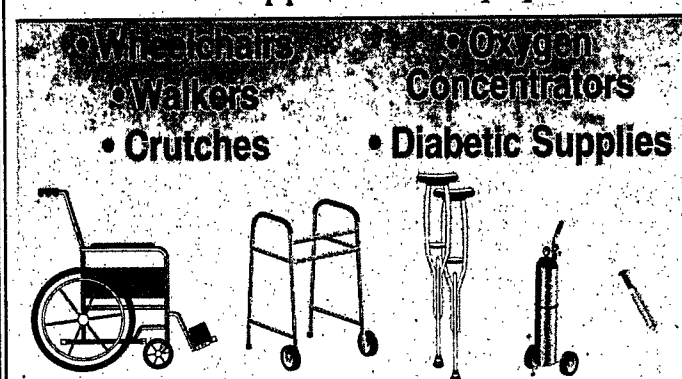
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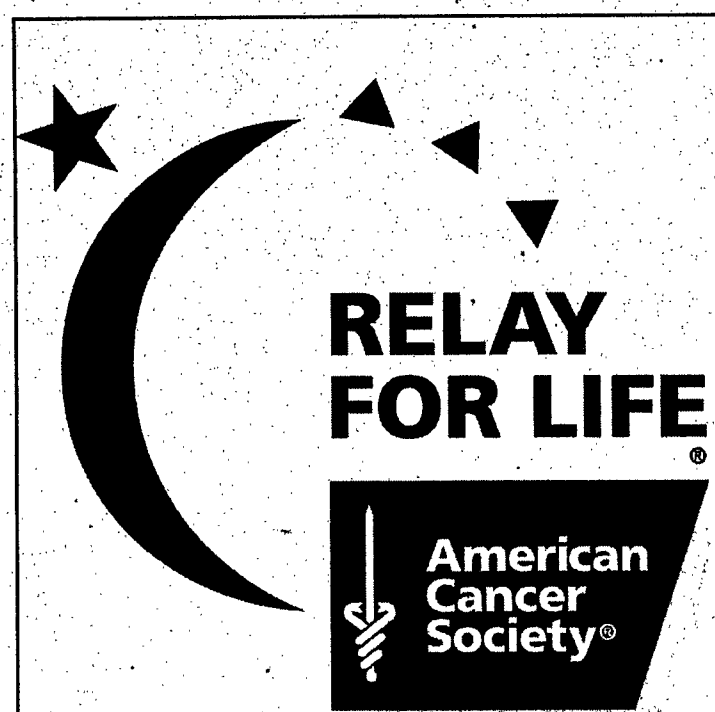
You should get involved in the fight against cancer in Hancock County

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Residents of Hancock County are getting ready to join communities across the nation in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, the nation's largest fund raiser.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Hancock County is May 22 at Hancock Medical Center's Walking Track from noon to 6 a.m. on May 23.

Relay For Life is a non-competitive, overnight event. Teams are recruited from businesses, clubs, families, friends, hospitals, churches, schools and service organizations. Each group comes up with a team theme, and members take turns walking or running around a track during the night. Games and activities held during the event make it a festive occasion.

"We invite everyone in



the community to be a part of Relay For Life," said Dave

Mayley, event chair. "Where else can you show your

enthusiasm for such an important cause by creating outrageous team themes, decorating campsites, and playing games all night long?"

Money raised from the event supports American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy and patient services programs. To register a team or find out more about Relay For Life, call the American Cancer Society at 1.800.ACS.2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Area Red Cross blood drives in May

Thurs., May 13
Hancock Medical Center
Hospital Week Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
On the Red Cross trailer
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Thurs., May 20
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Blood drive will be part of the All-American Memorial Day Weekend festivities at St. Ann.

It will be held in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Catfish Festival and Fishing Rodeo.

St. Rose plans 5K Walk-Run

St. Rose will hold its second annual 5K WALK/RUN on Saturday, May 1.

This will be a community event sponsored by Casino Magic, Capital Campaign, Viguerie Investments-LLC, Kentwood Water, Coast Coke and Sav-a-Center.

Children/Strollers entrants begin at 7:30 am and the 5K Walk/Run begins at 8:00 am.

The course winds its way through the oak shaded

streets, through neighborhoods of charming cottages, along the beach, through Old Town Bay St. Louis, starting and ending at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church.

All entrants will receive a T-Shirt. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive medals. Overall man/woman and master man/woman finishers will receive dinner for 2 at local restaurants.

Refreshments include

bananas, oranges, food and drinks.

Pre registration \$10, Children Pre-Registration \$8.00, Race Day \$12.00. Registration forms are available at the St. Rose Church Office, 301 S. Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis. - 467-7347 or at the Bay St. Louis and Waveland Libraries.

For more information contact Doug St. Amant, Race Director at 466-4467.

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Join the fight for a cure for Alzheimer's Disease

BY LINDA HEACOX

May is national Older Americans Month and an opportune time for everyone to become involved in contributing to the seniors in their communities - family members, neighbors, friends, mentors and teachers.

As the 76 million Baby Boomers are poised to march into their senior years, it is more important now than ever to be aware of the issues of concern to older Americans, a demographic that is growing day by day. Throughout the month, there are many opportunities to continue to help improve the quality of life for our nation's aging population.

Donating money to senior-focused organizations or to causes of particular concern to older Americans is one of the easiest and most readily available ways to give back to the senior community. According to a survey sponsored by insurer Bankers Life and Casualty

Company, developing Alzheimer's disease is the biggest fear of aging among older Americans (age 56-80).

Because research is the most promising and direct avenue to an eventual cure for Alzheimer's, efforts toward funding research are vital and invaluable. Bankers is just one organization supporting older Americans' causes. This year, the company is sponsoring its second annual "Forget Me Not Days" campaign to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

On May 7 and 8, look for agents in your area clad in green garden aprons collecting money on street corners. All donations go directly to the Alzheimer's Association, which provides research for the prevention, treatment and eventual cure of the disease, as well as programs that support and educate those with Alzheimer's and their families. Donations can also be made directly to the organization at www.alz.org.

Fundraising allows

organizations like the Alzheimer's Association to continue their cutting-edge research into curing Alzheimer's and other mentally crippling diseases, and that gives hope to and calms the fears of older Americans whose concerns about developing such diseases are very real.

Donating is only one way to contribute to the senior community, and May is not the only time of year to mobilize. Volunteering time is just as important as giving money. There are a myriad of opportunities to get involved with a local senior center, assisted living facility, nursing home or other organization that is available to anyone who is willing, such as helping coordinate events or implement programs.

* Spend time with a senior in your life - play a game together or go for a walk.

* Ask them what they did for fun when they were young or to tell you stories about family members.

* Send a card or letter to out-of-town grandparents or visit a nursing home and talk to the residents there.

"It is important to let seniors know how much they are loved and cared for," said Dan Veto, a certified senior advisor with Bankers Life and Casualty Company. "Many older Americans are concerned about the legacy they will leave behind. According to our 'Aging in America' survey, more than half of elderly adults want to be remembered for being a responsible parent or grandparent more than anything else, and spending time with older loved ones will give them an increased sense of security about preserving their legacies."

Another way to support older Americans is to advocate causes and issues that affect them the most - Medicare, Social Security and medical research to name a few. Advocacy is a powerful and necessary instrument in protecting the rights of seniors. Communicate to local, state and federal legislators the need for advancements in research and expanded

health care. These actions implemented today can benefit not only seniors, but also those who are young and will want the same considerations down the road.

Older Americans are at special risk of losing strength, flexibility, endurance and balance without adequate exercise. Luckily, it's been shown that physical exercise, even moderate activities such as walking or playing shuffleboard, has protective benefits to the brain as well. Participate in fun exercise activities, such as golf, dancing or playing with a puppy, with older family members and friends.

Seniors have many emotional, physical and financial changes to plan for. Starting early is the best way to ensure worry-free senior years. To speak with a certified senior advisor in

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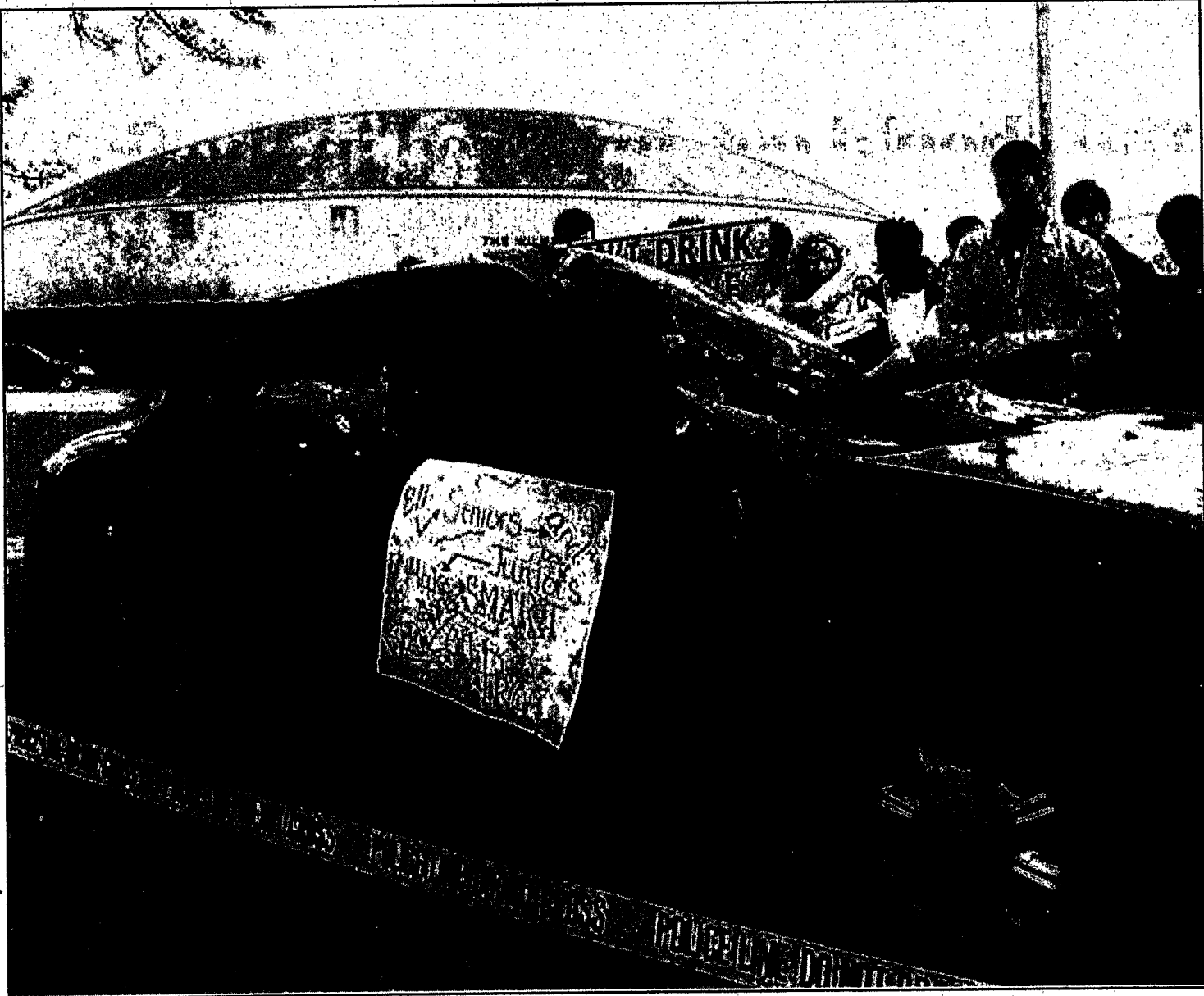
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Bay High prepares for prom safety

BY MARTHA EUBANKS

Bay High School held its junior-senior prom Friday, April 23. The week prior to prom the SADD club (Students Against Destructive Decisions) sought to educate the students about the dangers of drinking and driving. Monday students signed a "contract for life" in which they promised not to drink and drive. On Thursday, the "grim reaper" visited

the students. Every five minutes a person in America dies due to a drunk driver. The grim reaper made visits to classrooms where he would touch a student on the shoulder.

That student would follow him and have their face painted white. That student was to remain silent for the rest of the day and represented someone who had died in a drinking and driving accident. To conclude the week, there was a car placed in front of the

school that had been involved in an accident caused by drinking. The students were told the

details of the accident and warned that it could happen to them if they did not make the correct decisions.

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ELDON DURR
Eldon Wendell Durr, 66, of Diamondhead, MS and Edwardsville, IL died April 23, 2003 in Memphis, TN. He practiced law in Edwardsville for 21 years before coming an Associate Judge in Madison County, IL from which he retired in 1999 after 16 years of service. He was a member of 1st Christian Church in Edwardsville, IL. Organizations: Madison County Bar Assoc., Airport Pilot Assoc., EAA, NRA, Orbitz & he was a Pilot for the Wings of Hope. He served on the Ill. Constitutional Convention. He has been a licensed pilot since age 17.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eldon & Winifred (Perkins) Durr.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Brooks Hummel; 1 son, Shavne Hummel of Augusta, MO; 3 daughters, Kim Fornof and husband Pete of Edwardsville, IL; Kendrea Smith and husband Dan of Glendale, AZ; Kerri Kane and husband Mark of Edwardsville, IL; 5 grandchildren, Dionne Newsome, Cody Kane, Blake Durr, Devory Newsome and Tyler Kane; 3 sisters, Marcella Erickson and husband Dan of Murphysboro, TN; Janice Grebe and husband Jim of Shawnee Mission, KS and Sharon Durr of St. Louis, MO.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 in Edwardsville, IL.

THEODORE GODARD, JR.
Theodore A. Godard Jr., 71, of Diamondhead, died Friday, April 23, 2004.

Mr. Godard was a native of Clinton, MA and was a graduate of Enfield High School in Enfield, CT, and the American International College of Springfield, MA.

Mr. Godard was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Laura

Schreiner Godard. Survivors include his son, Richard Godard; four daughters, Karen Austin, Susan Shelton and Carol Godard, all of Fremont, CA; and Diane Godard of Oakland, CA; two sisters, Alice Allen and Karen Anderson; both of Somers, CT; ten grandchildren; five nieces and nephews.

No Services are scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to one's favorite charity.

Riemann Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA JACKSON
Virginia Rachel Salvant Jackson, 93, known affectionately as Miss Ginger to many was born on August 1, 1910, in Pass Christian, Mississippi. She departed this life and began her new life with God on April 25, 2004. She was a life long resident of Pass Christian.

Miss Ginger leaves many friends and relatives who will always cherish her pleasant smile and kind and gentle ways. She also leaves six children who will always cherish her gift of love to them. Lois (Austin) Smith of Denver, Colorado, Barbara (Samuel) Batey, Ph.D. of Denver, Colorado, Geraldine (Wilbert) White, Ed.D. of Atlanta, Georgia, Jawad (Lionel) and (Hazel) Shakir of Marrero, LA, Ronald (Brenda) Jackson, J.D. of Camp Springs, Maryland and William "Jug" Jackson of Pass Christian, MS. One sister, Selina Salvant Henry; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass: 11 am, Thursday, April 29, 2004, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Pass Christian, MS, with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Interment will follow at Live Oak Cemetery, Pass Christian, MS.

BETTYE KRANKEY

Bettye "Frances" Cochran Krankey, 55, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004 in Slidell, LA. She was a native of

Waynesboro, MS and a long-time resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. She was a member of Central Bible Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was preceded in death by her father, O'Neal Cochran.

Survivors include her husband, Danny Krankey of Bay St. Louis, MS; son, Scott Krankey of Slidell, LA; mother, Martha Cochran of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sisters, Sherlyn Breland of Bay St. Louis, MS and Peggy Thomas of Bay St. Louis, MS; 1 grandson, Mason Krankey of Birmingham, AL.

A visitation was held Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at Central Bible Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis, MS, with Prayer service.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

GERRIT KREGTEN

Gerrit J. Van Kregten, 70, of Pearlinton, MS died Thursday, April 22, 2004 in Pearlinton, MS.

He was a native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Pearlinton, MS. He was a Veteran having served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Whitt Van Kregten of Pearlinton, MS; daughter, Emma Rose Walker of Rhode Island; son, Derek L. Van Kregten of New Orleans, LA; 2 brothers, Lawrence Van Kregten of La Place, LA; Robert Van Kregten of Washington State; sister, Evelyn Joseph of Kenner, LA; and 4 grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Monday, April 26, 2004 at the VFW in Lakeshore, MS with Military Honors.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

PEGGY LIZANA

Peggy Hicks Lizana, of Pass Christian, MS, passed away, April 27, 2004, of lung cancer.

Peggy was born in Belzoni, MS, on March 12, 1936 and grew up on the Gulf Coast. She attended high school in Gulfport and Perkinson Jr. College.

Mrs. Lizana also owned Light-house Antiques, in Bay St. Louis for several

years.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and touched the hearts of everyone that knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond A. Lizana; sons, George and Tony Pool; daughter, Joann Zaffy; brother, Robert B. Hicks; sister, Marie Klien; grandchildren, Carrie Jones, Dawayna Jones, Vincent Sacco, Joni Zaffy, Joey Zaffy, Camilla Pool, Charles Pool, Trina Pool, John Marsenett, Jaqueline Marsenett; great-grandchildren, Triston McNeel, Christian Bingham, Sebastian Bingham, Kaeden Cotter, Vincent Sacco and Dominic Sacco.

There will be no funeral service, as Mrs. Lizana donated her body to Tulane University Medical Center to further the research of cancer and nerve damage.

A memorial service will be held at 211 Bayview St., Pass Christian, Thursday, April 29, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the charity of one's choice.

Riemann Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

DOROTHY MEADORS

Dorothy Elizabeth Meadors, 66, of Bay St. Louis, MS died Wednesday, April 21, 2004 in Gulfport, MS.

She was raised in New Orleans, LA before moving to Chalmette, LA then retiring to Bay St. Louis, MS. She retired from her job as a Billing Clerk for BellSouth. She was a caregiver to numerous elderly in the Bay area.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Smith Meadors and Estelle Walker.

Survivors include her close friend, Alice Walters of Bay St. Louis, MS.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2004 at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS from 6-7 p.m. Memorial service will be at 7 p.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery in New Orleans, LA.

EDGAR SAULS, SR.

Edgar Emile Sauls, Sr. was born on February 19, 1922 in New Orleans, LA, beloved son of the late Norman E. Sauls and Beatrice D. Sauls. He passed away on April 24, 2004 in Katy, Texas.

He served in the Navy during World War II and later worked in the engineering business for Avondale Shipyards, Walk Haydel and Freedy and Goldman. He was active in the American Legion, Shriners, and Mason's and multiple Mardi Gras organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Lee J. Sauls of Katy, Texas; brother, Norman F. Sauls and wife Gladys of New Orleans, LA; sons, E. Emilie Sauls, Jr. of New Port Richey, FL and his wife Lynda, Walter "Red" N. Sauls and wife JeDe of Post Falls, ID; daughter, Margaret "Peggy" S. Wall and husband Stephen W. Wall of Katy, Texas; 2 stepsons, Luie T. Canezaro and wife Lynda of Zackery, LA; Samuel L. Canezaro and wife Janell of Zackery, LA; step-daughter, Beverly C. Wales and husband John of Zackery, LA; 18 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 29, 2004.

The Funeral Service will follow at 8:00 pm and visitation will continue immediately following for family and friends.

The Committal service will be at 10:00 am on Friday, April 30, 2004 at Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

Author signs at Bookends today at 5:30

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month, you may want to consider getting it renewed. To become a certified applicator for the first time or to become re-certified consists of successful completion of a private use pesticide training session. Two training sessions have been scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2004 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Mississippi State University Hancock County Extension Service Office located on Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis, MS. There is no fee for this training. If you plan to attend, you are

asked to call in and pre-register with the MSU Extension Service - Hancock County Office at 228-467-5456 by Thursday, May 13, 2004. Please indicate which session you will be attending.

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The week of April 26 - May 2 has been designated as MHV Week. Special

events are going on throughout the state. Membership drives are in full force.

If you would like to be a member of this committed group of ladies and gentlemen, call your local Extension Office.


Boy Scouts Troop 208 hosts spaghetti dinner

Boy Scout Troop 208 is having its annual fund raiser on Friday, April 30 at the American Legion Post 139 Hall in Bay St. Louis, from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are available from any Troop 208 Boy Scout or at the door for \$5.00 donation. Dine in or take out. Includes meatballs with sauce, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink. For more, contact Larry at 467-7868 or Kelvin Schulz at 467-6501.

Hancock Jr. Miss meet

A meeting will be held at the Kiln Library on Saturday, May 1 at 10 a.m. to recruit active committee members and discuss the future of the Hancock County Junior Miss Program. For more info call Sandy at 228-493-0059 or 601-798-0894.

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Ionatron negotiating move to Stennis

Ionatron Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of U.S. Home & Garden, Inc. (OTCBB: USHG.OB), has announced that it is negotiating to relocate to the Stennis Space Center located on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi.

President & CEO Thomas Dearmin stated, "The move to the federally owned 150,000-acre secure facility, co-located with other government opera-

tions, such as NASA and the Navy Seals, offers Ionatron the perimeter security, unencumbered test ranges, and room for expansion for our continued development and production of Ionatron next generation controlled energy technology."

The Stennis facility has an existing mothballed Army Ammunition Manufacturing plant that was decommissioned in 1990 and currently has

approximately 600,000 square feet of space that could be upgraded to accommodate Ionatron's manufacturing requirements. Ionatron is in the process of finalizing the details in order to initially utilize over 100,000 square feet, with the option to expand into the remaining space on an as needed basis.

It is anticipated that by year-end, Ionatron will have started operations at the

Stennis Space facility and transitioned out of its current location.

Dearmin added, "During our recent visits to the Stennis facility and surrounding Gulf Coast area, it became clear to us that the federal, State, and local agencies have all come together to ensure Ionatron both a successful move and production start up at the Stennis Center. Ionatron anticipates the need for up to 300 employees by the end of 2005, and more in the following years, providing a long-term source of high tech positions for South Mississippi."

"I am pleased about Ionatron's interest in moving to Mississippi," stated Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour. "Mississippi has much to offer to a growing company like Ionatron, and we are excited about the prospect of having this high-tech company move to our state."

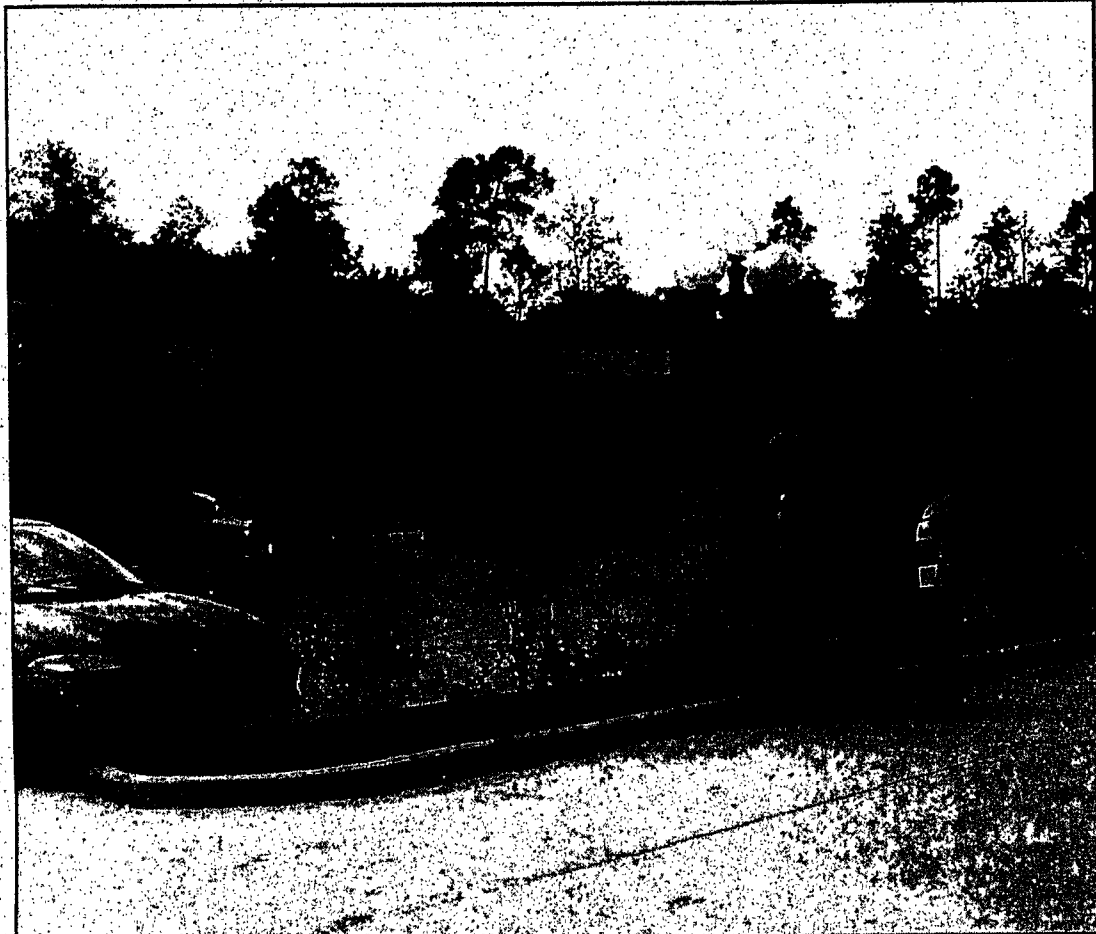
The Stennis location on the Gulf Coast, with its existing canal system, offering easy access to the Gulf, and the Stennis airport facilities, make it ideal for access and delivery of customer platforms and prototypes. This facility also

allows us to locate in a single factory our research, development, and manufacturing, as well as the final testing of systems for delivery to US Government customers.

The Ionatron technology has numerous applications desired by all branches of the U.S. Military and is adaptable to many commercial security and law enforcement areas.

The Stennis facility offers the space desired to setup separate production lines for the various

Government customers and commercial products. Each application requires slight variations and modifications based on the platform and intended mission, and that can be accomplished at the Stennis location.



Beautification award

Magnolia Plaza, Kiln, received the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Clean & Beautiful Award for April. Those in photo are from right, Betsy Ashman, chamber beautification co-chair, and Magnolia Plaza's owners Jerry and Lauli Peterson, who are also owners of the adjacent Hancock Plaza in Kiln. The chamber's beautification committee recognizes business owners who beautify their areas. (Echo photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Bank announces promotions

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel recently announced newly promoted officers approved by the company's boards of directors.

New Hancock Bank officers are:

Kassi Cain - Banking Officer. Having joined Hancock Bank more than five years ago, Kassi Cain has served as a human resources operations clerk and a branch administration secretary.

Jacqueline Long - Banking Officer. Hancock Bank community business banker Jacqueline Long, a resident of Mobile, AL, joined Hancock Bank as a credit analyst in 2002. Raegan Pisarich - Banking Officer. Ocean Springs native Raegan Pisarich is the retail sales supervisor with Hancock Bank's sales administration division. She graduated from Ocean Springs High School, received an associate of arts degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston, and earned a bachelor of science degree with an emphasis in marketing from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM).

Denise Shilstone - Banking Officer. Denise Shilstone, a commercial account administrator in Hancock Bank's commercial loan division, is a Long Beach native and graduate of Long Beach High School. She studied accounting at the University of Southern Mississippi. Priscilla A. Moran - Credit Officer. Pass Christian native Priscilla Moran graduated from Harrison Central High School and received an associate degree from Phillips Business College in Gulfport. A member of the Hancock team for seven years, she is a former discount clerk with Hancock's Mississippi indirect finance

group and now serves as supervisor for that department. Moran is a member of the Notary Public Association. She attends Sacred Heart-Dedeaux Catholic Church in Pass Christian and volunteers as an assistant Sunday School teacher at Sacred Heart. She is also a room parent at St. John Elementary School and a team mother for the Lizana Youth Association.

Barbara Culbertson - Finance Officer. Hancock Bank accounts payable manager Barbara Culbertson joined Hancock Bank in 2002 after five years of accounts payable supervisory experience at two major South Mississippi resorts. Lou Jacobi - Finance Officer. Lou Jacobi, an accountant for Hancock Bank of Louisiana, is a native of Metairie, LA, and resides in Diamondhead, MS. An employee of Hancock for three years, he has more than 11 years of financial services experience. Jacobi attended Archbishop Rummel High School in Metairie and received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Nicholls State University. He is a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln.

Melba Sellier - Finance Officer. Poplarville native

and general ledger supervisor Melba Sellier has been with Hancock Bank for almost 38 years, having also worked as an investment department clerk and audit department supervisor.

Andy Hermetz - Investment Officer. Investment representative Andy Hermetz has 16 years of financial services experience and joined Hancock Investment Services, Inc., in 2001 as an investment representative. Mike Settle - Operations Officer. A native of Lakenheath, England, Mike Settle joined Hancock Bank five years ago and has worked as an applications programmer and programmer/analyst with the bank's information systems division.

Cindy Sharrow - Operations Officer. The supervisor for the Hancock Documentation Analysis Center, Cindy Sharrow has also served as loan operations supervisor for Hancock Bank's loan documentation unit in Louisiana and in Mississippi.

Theresa Simmons - Operations Officer. Theresa Simmons, a Biloxi native, is a graduate of St. Martin High School in Biloxi and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Public Notice

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors May 3, 2004 Board Meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

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U.S. Navy Band featured at Jazz in the Pass

Under the Oaks Jazz
The 6th annual Jazz in the Pass has a billing of great Jazz, Blues and Dixieland artists from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast sounding out from 11 a.m. til 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. Pass Christian's Memorial Park is a unique setting that provides an umbrella from some 20 large oaks offering shaded shelter for those who want relax atop a blanket or folding chair. Don't miss this! Free Admission - Food and Craft vendors - "In your Face-JazzFest." 452-3138 for info.

Frolic in the Park
Second-line strutting to your favorite tunes from a grand variety of professional band performers. Jazz

sounds from the Mark Guest Quartet, Blues from the Steve Warren Band, Dixieland from the Orleans Ensemble, and many others to keep your feet tapping. All this and more from 11 a.m. til 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 in Pass Christian's Memorial Park. This 6th year edition promises to be a hallmark success for young and old. 452-3138 for info.

Salute to the Coast
Showcased at Jazz in the Pass is the U.S. Navy 20-piece Big Band which is one of 14 official Navy Bands located in the continental United States, Europe and Asia. All graduates of the Armed Forces School of Music, present the great sounds of Jazz, Swing,

Glenn Miller dance tunes, as well as Military tempo favorites. A variety of 9 bands jazz and blues will be on stage at Pass Christian's Memorial Park on Saturday, May 8 from 11 a.m. til 8 p.m. 452-3138 for info.

Jazz Great to be inducted

Capt' John Handy, internationally famous jazz great from Pass Christian will be inducted into the MS Coast Jazz Society's Hall of Fame on Tuesday, May 4th at 10:30 a.m. in Live Oak Cemetery. At his death in 1974 more than 4500 friends and fans from all parts of the world honored Capt' Handy with the first New Orleans style Jazz Funeral on the Gulf Coast. Following the induction cer-

emonies, a gospel singing, and dedication of a special burial plot covering with a wrought iron G-clef, the Society Jazz Band will lead a Second-Line out from the cemetery yard in commemorating the first Jazz Funeral. Family and friends welcome all fans of jazz to attend. 452-3138 for info.

U.S. Navy Band
U.S. Navy Show Band South will be performing in concert during the Jazz in the Pass JazzFest located at Pass Christian's War Memorial Park on Scenic Drive on Saturday, May 8, 2004. The time slot is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Navy Show Band South is a 20-member group dedicated to performing tra-

ditional swing, jazz, dance music and the big band music of America. The band appears in public concerts and for military functions, delighting audiences throughout the Gulf Coast region. All band members have had extensive musical experience prior to joining the Navy and are graduates of the Armed Forces School of Music, located in Little Creek, Virginia. Navy Show Band South is yet another of Navy Band New Orleans' contributions to the music of New Orleans. Contact Dan Ellis, Co-Chair - Jazz in the Pass Committee - 452-3138.

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Rates -- Southern Regional

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treatment costs based on use and many factors influence the rate of use, only one of which is the number of customers. Hancock Water and Sewer pays the least amount over all for treatment even though the district has approximately 600 more customer billings than Bay St. Louis and 1,100 more than Waveland. The cities, with their older collection systems send more wastewater to the plant because of groundwater infiltration and other factors.

In other business:
All board members were in attendance.

There is a change in location for the proposed package treatment plant which will service the Pearlinton area. The new location, adjacent to the old location at the truck scales, located on a 20 acre parcel of prop-

erty bordered by Whites Rd. and Hwy. 90, will provide the district with more than enough property to build a permanent plant and any future expansions, said Digital engineer Bruce Newton. Negotiations are under way to secure the property.

Because the Pearlinton district was able to secure extra grant funds, two phases of a collection system, rather than one phase, should get underway this summer roughly doubling the number of customers to go on line. Because of this, as previously reported, the size of the temporary plant will be doubled to accommodate a 200,000 gallon per day flow.

Cost for the 200,000 gallon per day plant will be about \$1.5 million, said Newton. The cost includes a \$879,600 construction esti-

mate for the plant itself and a \$593,812 construction estimate for pump stations and force mains.

An estimation for engineering and administration costs for the project are based on a percentage of the construction costs as is standard Newton said. This cost includes, among other fees, those for design of plans and specs and comes to \$126,500, which Newton says represents about six and a half percent of construction costs. Industry standards allow for these costs to be up to seven and a half percent of costs, he said.

Other professional fees for geotechnical and topographic surveys and for a full time resident inspector add another \$71,400, about 13 and a half percent of the construction costs, he said. Estimates for the inspector

are based on an hourly fee of \$45, for 50 hrs. per week for six months, with payment subject to the presentation of a time card, he said. Industry standards allow for these costs to be up to 14 and a half percent of costs, he said.

The contract with Digital has been approved by Waveland and Hancock Water and Sewer. It must be approved by at least three of the five entities served by the district. Bay St. Louis did not approve the contract this week.

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Narcotics

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Three were arrested on April 20, for possession of precursor with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

They were listed as: Alejandro Rodriguez, 44, Waveland; Wilbert Kern, 36, Lakeshore; and Elizabeth Martin, 47, Perkinston.

The report said, Waveland Officer Todd Blake conducted a traffic stop on Highway 90 and discovered a large amount of precursor materials inside the vehicle driven by Rodriguez. The suspects had been spotted buying precursor materials in sev-

eral Waveland stores. All three suspects were charged with buying precursors violation and placed on a \$5,000 bond each.

Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force Agent Ian Estorffe is handling the drug investigations.

PATH Grants available to faith-based organizations

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Promoting healthy hearts, minds and bodies is at the core of The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi's tobacco prevention and health promotion programs. In its efforts to teach all corners of the community, The Partnership is offering program materials and grants to faith-based organizations. Up to 100 grants, in the amount of \$1,500 each, will be awarded throughout the state.

Applications can be picked up at PATH, The Partnership for a Healthy Hancock and Pearl River County office, which is located at 16230 Hwy. 603, Suite D, Kiln or call (228) 586-2590. The application is also available on-line at

www.healthy.miss.org. The application deadline is May 20, 2004. Any faith-based group in Mississippi that has not previously received a grant is eligible to apply.

Recipients of the one-year grant will be required to conduct Camp SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) during the summer and conduct monthly activities throughout the year. Camp SWAT is a five-day camp that teaches essential life skills to youth in grades 4-6. Sessions include topics such as self-esteem, health consequences of tobacco use, decision making skills, communication and conflict resolution skills and tactics to resist peer pressure.

Organizations receiving grants will also attend a

training session in Jackson on June 19.

SWAT is one of four, age-appropriate youth tobacco prevention programs developed by The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi. The Partnership is a public/private, nonprofit organization comprised of more than 800 statewide governmental and non-governmental agencies, as well as community groups. In its comprehensive approach to youth tobacco education, The Partnership combines community and faith-based efforts with school programs, a school nurse program, cessation support, media and the enforcement of laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco to youth.

Contact Person: Gloria Necaise 228-216-42040.

St. Rock hosts chicken/fish dinner

St. Rock U.M.C. will host a fried chicken and fish dinner on Saturday, May 1st from 11a.m.-2p.m. Also a yard sale from 7a.m.-2p.m.

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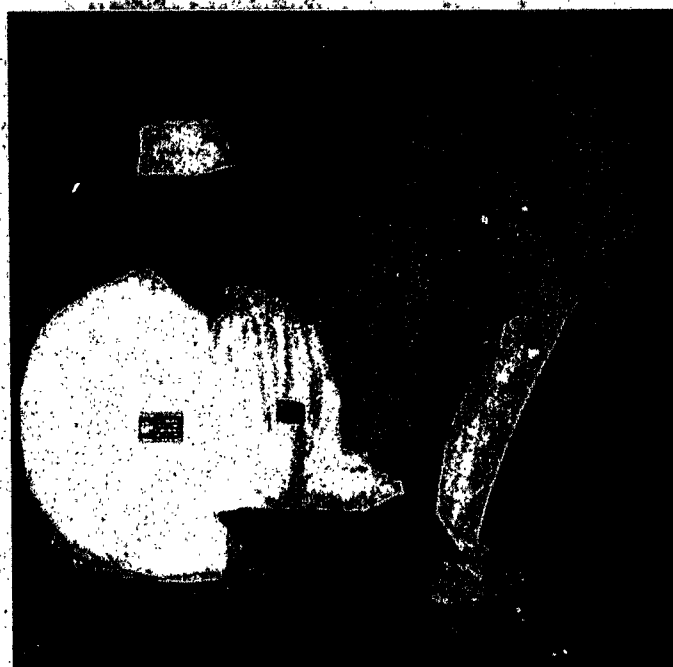
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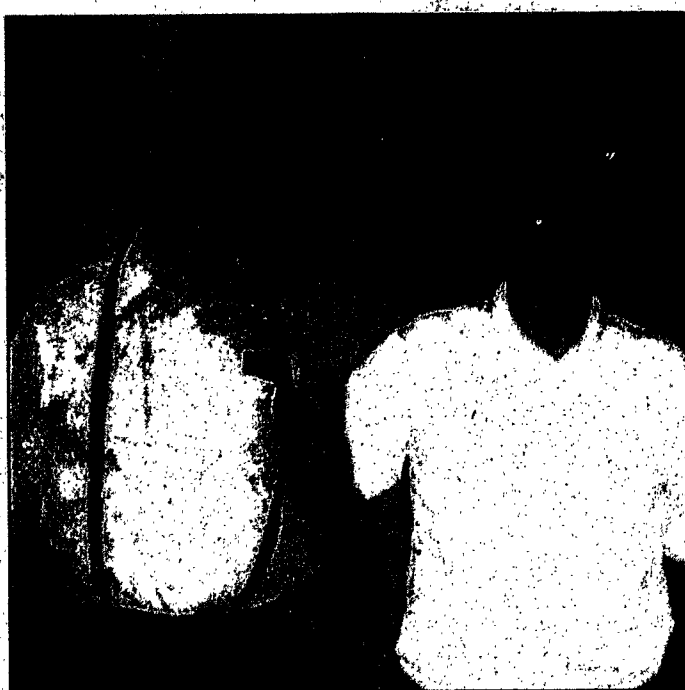
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Russell A. Mayeur, Commander, Diamondhead Veteran of Foreign Post 2880 presents a certificate of appreciation to Barr McClellan author of The book "Blood Money and Power" based on the assassination of John F. Kennedy. McClellan is an honor graduate of the University of Texas where he received a Bachelor and Law Degree. He is now residing in Gulfport with his wife, Cecil. They have five sons and one daughter.



At a recent meeting of the Diamondhead Veterans of Foreign Post 2880, Daniel Blair takes the Oath of Obligation as a new member of the post. Pictured with Mr. Blair, is his sponsor, John W. Stevens Jr. Post 2880, mustered into the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1995, has 102 members. The post meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Youth Program builds leaders

Hancock High School students, Dionna Bush, Micah Ladner, Katherine Sullivan and Sasha Williamson, were selected to represent Coast Electric to participate in the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi Youth Leadership Program held in Jackson on March 3-5. The Association took part in a statewide youth leadership program to better acquaint the future leaders of our communities with cooperative philosophy.

The students were chosen based on essays explaining their views of how cooperatives have been successful business builders in today's world and their impact on future opportunities. Finalists were selected based on the essays. Personal interviews were conducted to choose the final four.

At the three day work-

shop, the students learned many aspects of leadership, participated in team-building exercises, heard presentations given by government leaders and attended sessions held by the state government at the capitol building.

Ladner and Williamson were selected to represent Coast Electric in Washington D.C. in June at the Youth Tour sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. More than 1,200 high school juniors come together from across the nation to learn about the city, government, cooperatives and rural electrification at this yearly program.

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What is Cinco de Mayo?



Cinco de Mayo may not be the Mexican Independence Day or an American holiday, but it marks a day in history which is celebrated by Mexicans and Americans alike.

On the morning of May 5 1862, approximately 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated the French and traitor Mexican army of 10,000 at Puebla, Mexico, 100 miles east of Mexico City.

Five months earlier, the French had arrived in Mexico to collect Mexican debts from President Benito Juarez's newly elected government. The French also brought Spanish and English troops with them. Although the Spanish and English soon left, the French remained.

Under the rule of Emperor Napoleon III, the French invaded the country with its modern equipment and its army that had not been defeated in 50 years. They also delivered a Hapsburg prince, Maximilian, to preside over Mexico.

With the United States engulfed in its own Civil War, the French Army planned an attack on Mexico City to the west with the assumption the Mexicans would surrender if their capital fell to the enemy. The Mexicans awaited the attack under the command of a Texas-born leader, General Zaragoza. Colonel Porfirio Diaz was in charge of the cavalry.

Under General Zaragoza's command, Colonel Diaz led his cavalry out to the French flanks. The French made a costly mistake when they sent their cavalry off to chase Diaz and his men, who in turn, slaughtered them. The remaining French fought the Mexicans in mud from a thunderstorm and through stampeding cattle, which had been stirred up by Indians

armed with machetes.

When the battle was over, the Mexicans were victorious. This victory kept Napoleon III from supplying the confederate rebels for another year. This enabled the United States to build a great army, which defeated the Confederates at Gettysburg only 14 months after the battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil War.

General Phil Sheridan led Union forces to the Texas/Mexican border to deliver weapons and ammunition to the Mexicans in an effort to rid the country of the French.

If they promised to aid in the fight against the French, American soldiers would be discharged with their uniforms and rifles. The American Legion of Honor then marched in the Victory Parade in Mexico City.

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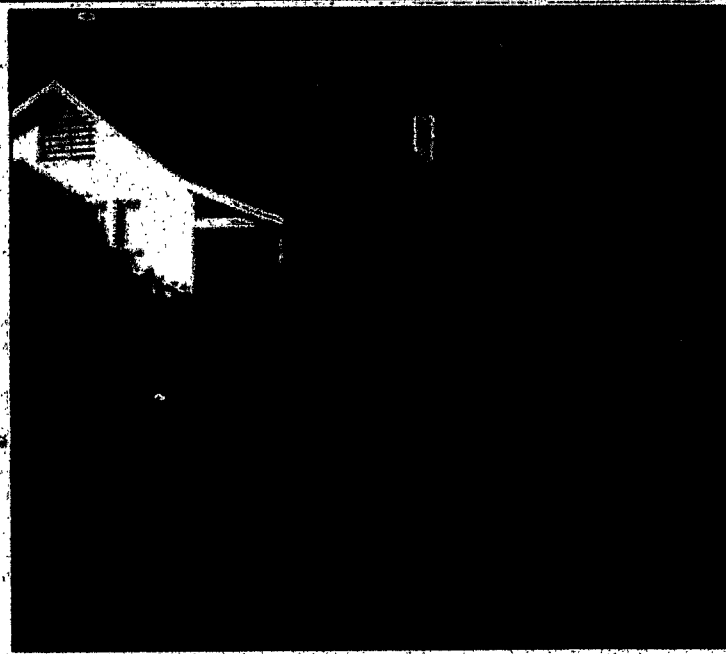
221 East Scenic, Town Library - ca. 1853 (as a home) and operating as a library from the 1890s

This most historic of public buildings in Pass Christian (Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt were among visitors) will be open tour-day to the public for the first time in nearly 10 years. Stop by to see signed, first editions including works by Roosevelt, Hemingway and Eudora Welty, as well as other gems from this crown jewel of Pass Christian.



415 East Scenic, Joe and Ann Cox - ca. 1890

Locals have watched with keen interest as this late-Victorian home with its Eastlake gingerbread has undergone extensive renovation. Nice mix of old and new with first rate workmanship and design. Outstanding views from the balconies. During the 1930s, this building operated as the Rest Haven, a convalescent home. On tour for the first time.



558 East Second Street, Garic and Courtney Moran - ca. 1920s

This charming home with its azaleas and wisteria-draped fence was once the gardener's cottage for the beach-front home known as Ballymore. Renovated in the late 1940s by the Rafferty family and again in 2002 by the Morans. Out-of-towners should take time to stroll adjacent Donlin Ave one of the quintessential lanes of Pass Christian. On tour for the first time.



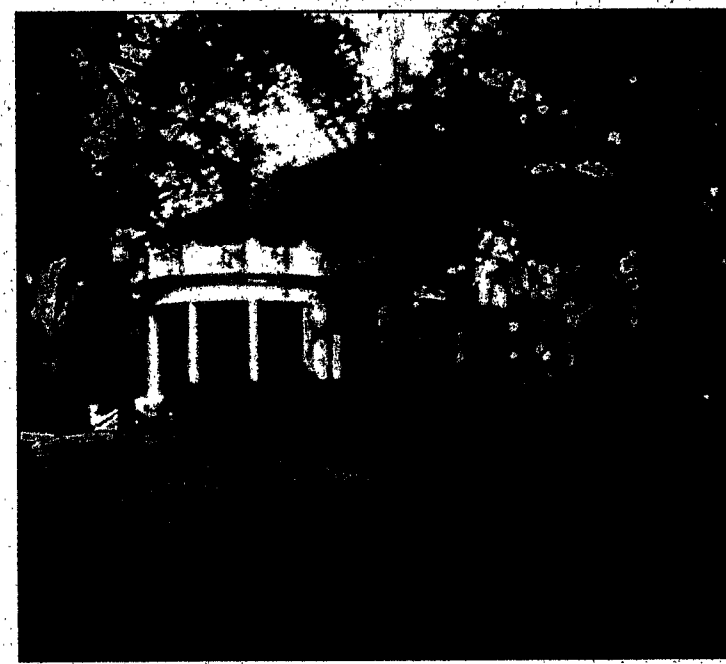
651 East Scenic, Ray and Mary Gallagher - ca. 1875

Set on the corner of Courtenay Avenue, this well-proportioned, beautifully landscaped home is one of a pair of Courtenay family residences built on the grounds of antebellum military academy. Notice among the art works a particularly fine view of Pass Christian's Live Oak Cemetery. First time on tour in 20 years.



849 East Scenic, Harry and Beverly Danielson - 1849

The palm-lined walk tells you that you are in for something special as you enter this magnificent Greek Revival "cottage" constructed at the height of the antebellum building boom in the Pass. History buffs will not want to miss "Napoleon's bathtub" or Jefferson Davis's writing desk. Many fine antiques and collections.



923 East Scenic, Dave and Jane Dennis - ca. 1920

With its distinctive Spanish tile roof and inviting portico, 923 East Scenic once served as the Kern School for Boys in the 1950s and 1960s. New Orleanians may recognize the gifts candelabra that is the centerpiece of the handsome interior — it came from the old St. Charles Hotel. Open only from 3 to 5 p.m. at which time tea will be served here.

Home tour to benefit Pass Historical Society

The Pass Christian Historical Society will host its annual tour of homes on May 2.

The tour is particularly important this year because proceeds will help to defray the expenses the society has incurred with the acquisition and preservation of the Old Town Library, the most historic public building in Pass Christian. Anything you could do to help us publicize the tour would be greatly appreciated.

The Pass Christian Historical Society (a non-profit organization designated 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service), will host its annual Tour of

Homes on Sunday, May 2, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. This event allows the public the rare opportunity to see inside of some of Pass Christian's most beautiful and historic homes.

This year, five homes will be open for tour. Additionally, the Old Town Library, recently acquired by the historical society, will be open to the public for the first time in nearly ten years.

Ticket price is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

If you need any further information, call Richard Ward, President Pass Christian Historical Society at 228-452-2014.

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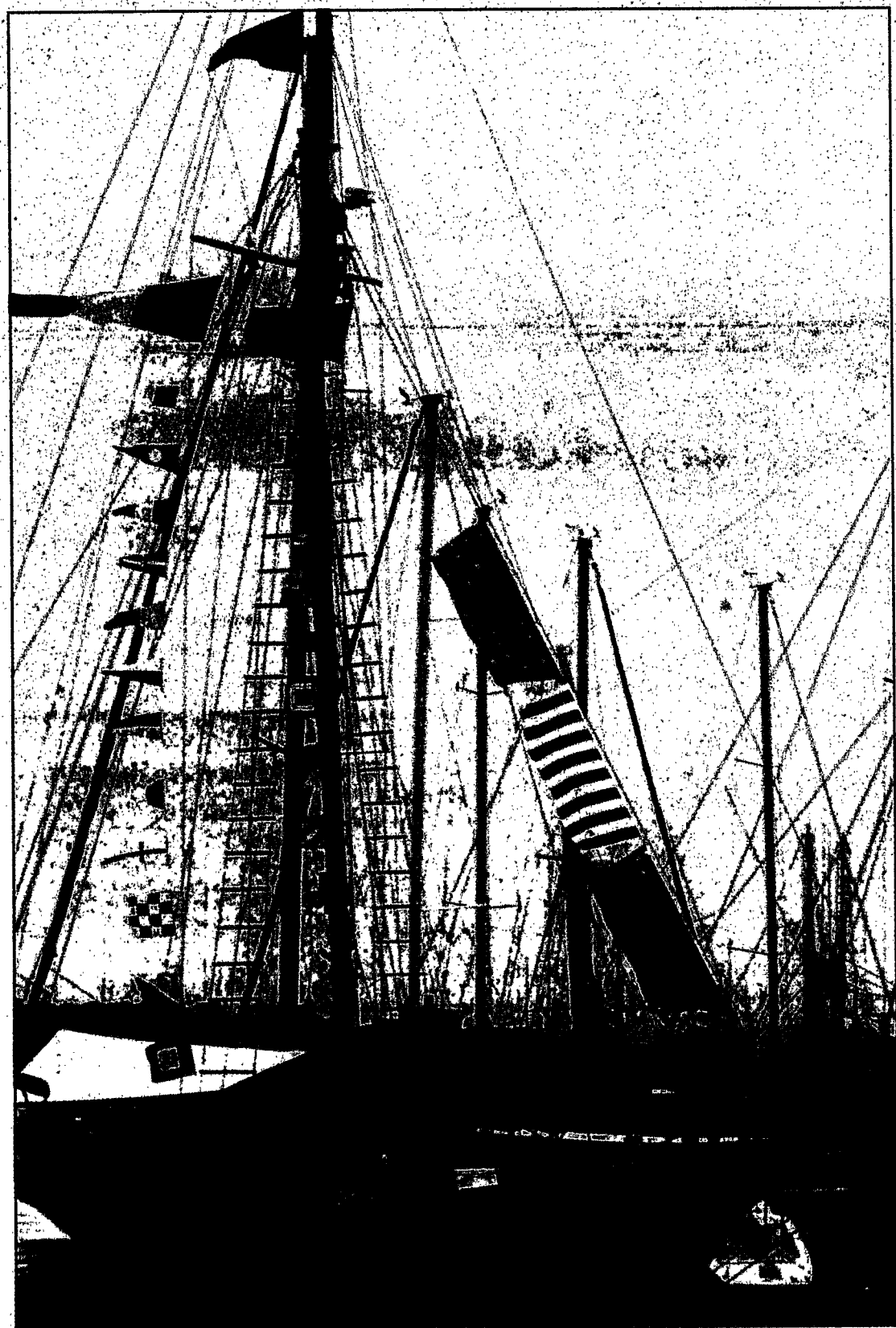
BLESSING OF THE FLEET



Elizabeth Campbell, of Gulfport, awaits for the moment to kickstart the judging and blessing with her bagpipe skills.

Echo staff photos by Shannon Jenkins

(Below) Father Dennis Carver of St. Paul in Pass Christian, Father David Knight of St. Patrick's in Long Beach and Father Chris Colby of Trinity Church bless the boat. (Bottom) Chip McDermott, blessing committee chairman and Pass alderman, showcases the wreath that is to be used to commemorate the people who have lost their lives at sea.

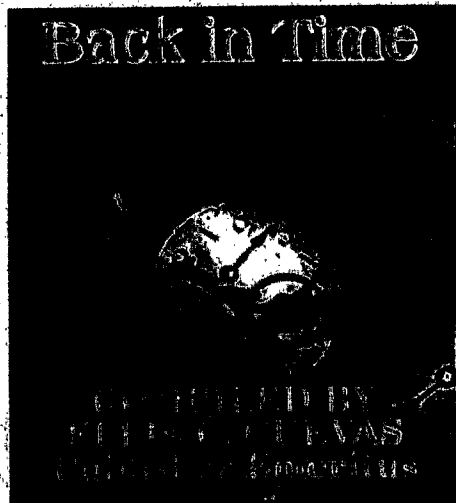


See page 4B for more photos and winners

High winds and threatening clouds did not dampen spirits during the 28th Annual Blessing of the Fleet on April 25 in Pass Christian. Choppy waves docked all the boats but did not sway three local clergymen from blessing the fleet.

1944 - Hometown nurse visits Bay serviceman in Africa hospital

Back in Time



TEN YEARS AGO
April 17, 1994 - Ribbon cutting is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday by Coast Transit Authority and the City of Bay St. Louis for a new bus route. Mayor Eddie Fayre and representatives from the city, chamber, CTA, will participate in the ribbon cutting to BE held on Main Street at the bus stop behind City Hall. The new route, Route 52, was designed with the cooperation of the mayor and other city officials. It

will operate on a one hour frequency Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's April Business After Hours was sponsored by and held at Bayou Caddy Jubilee Casino Thursday. A record number of chamber members attended the Business After Hours. Chamber members enjoyed a buffet of many types of foods, deserts and also beverages in addition to door prizes and entertainment.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
April 15, 1984 - The Mobile District Army Corps of Engineers, will have a crew of workers in the Mississippi Sound Off Waveland, Monday, April 30 to check contract work completed last year to level off the bottom of the sound in that area. The crew will be working in the area two to three days depending on weather conditions to assure that the work done last year to level out the bottom and rearrange it to a gradual slope has remained sta-

ble before swimming season begins.
-(Photo) Waveland Mayor John Longo tosses first pitch to Bob Hubbard at home plate with Louis Smolensky catching to officially open the city's Little League play Saturday. Hubbard and Smolensky are Waveland aldermen. A town parade preceding opening day ceremonies of the league play which comprises, 4 T-Ball, four Minor, and six Little League teams.

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The SeaCoast Echo

Sports

SSC's Peterman headed to Big 'D' to play for Cowboys

LSU All-American selected in third round of NFL Draft

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Stephen Peterman, a Waveland native and former SSC gridiron great, has seen a childhood dream realized. Peterman is now an NFL football player.

The LSU All-American was taken in the third round of the NFL Draft with the 83rd overall pick on Saturday by the Dallas Cowboys.

Dallas, a winner of five Super Bowls, showed a commitment to running the football by drafting two linemen with two of their first three picks in the draft and a running back with their top pick.

Dallas chose RB Julius Jones of Notre Dame with the 43rd overall pick in the second round. Both third round picks were offensive

linemen - OT Jacob Rogers of USC and OG Stephen Peterman of LSU.

Dallas used their 4th round pick on Georgia DB Bruce Thornton. TE Sean Ryan of Boston College was chosen in the 5th round.

The Cowboys had three 7th round picks on the second day. They chose DB Nathan Jones of Rutgers, WR Patrick Crayton of NW Oklahoma, and DB Jacques Reeves of Purdue.

Peterman, who has played on the offensive line for just three years, is elated about going to the Dallas Cowboys and playing for



Stephen Peterman

head coach Bill Parcells.

Peterman commented that when he spoke to Parcells and owner Jerry Jones on draft day, he said they liked tough guys and the way that he played the game.

Peterman, a 6-4, 317-lb guard, started 38 of the last 39 games for the Tigers and led them to the BCS National Championship this past season.

Peterman was evaluated by several NFL teams as a physical blocker with solid agility and athleticism. He is pictured as novice on the offensive line since he did not play there until his sophomore season in college.

The former Rock-a-chaw was a consensus selection on the All-SEC team last season and was named All-American by several publications.

Parcells has built his success on mid-round selections and has an eye for noticing talent outside of the first round. Peterman could not be going to play for a better pro coach than Parcells.

With Peterman's selection on Saturday, Hancock County now has four players in professional football - Green Bay QB Brett Favre (Hancock North Central), Tennessee Titan S Tank Williams (Bay High), Canadian Football League All-Pro CB Shannon Garrett (St. Stanislaus), and Dallas Cowboys OL Stephen Peterman (St. Stanislaus).

Peterman flies out to Dallas on Thursday to prepare for the rookie minicamp.



Peterman, (above on right) an LSU All-American, was taken in the third round of the NFL Draft with the 83rd overall pick on Saturday by the Dallas Cowboys.

New Orleans Saints go after best available in NFL Draft

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The New Orleans Saints have had a knack of getting a player that ranked at the top of their position board the last few years.

Some of the names that ring a bell are LeCharles Bentley, Deuce McAllister and Darren Howard.

But, this year the draft was not as kind to the Saints especially in their areas of need - CB, LB, DL, FB, and WR.

The players that the Saints did draft appear to

be solid picks and at the positions they needed to fill; however, they were not players that were listed at the top of their draft boards. They were the 'best available' in relation to their needs and when their picks came around.

During the two days of the draft, the Saints chose six players. Will Smith, not the pop singer turned movie star, played defensive end for Ohio State. Smith was taken in the first round with the 18th pick overall.

The Saints had two second round picks and chose

WR Devery Henderson of LSU and ILB Courtney Watson of Notre Dame.

On the second day of the NFL Draft, New Orleans had two fifth round picks. Their first selection in the fifth round was DT Rodney Leisle of UCLA and their second selection was FB Mike Karney of Arizona State.

Their final pick of the day was in the seventh round and they chose OLB Colby Bockwoldt of BYU.

Smith (6-3, 267lbs) was clearly the best defender on the Saints' board when the

18th pick came around. He will add much-needed speed to the Saints' pass rush. Smith's talents became very visible to the draft watcher when the patriots tried to trade with the Saints in an effort to get Smith.

New Orleans' second pick was LSU wide receiver Devery Henderson (5-11, 198lbs). Henderson does fill a need on the Saints' roster. He has speed (4.4) and play-making ability.

The other first-day draftee was Notre Dame LB Courtney Watson (6-1, 237lbs). He possesses intelligence and versatility and is compared to current Saints LB Darrin Smith.

On the second day of the draft, New Orleans picked up UCLA DT Rodney Leisle (6-3, 309lb). The Saints view Leisle as the prototypical nose tackle with a tremendous work ethic.

With their second selec-

tion in the fifth round, FB Mike Karney (5-11, 254lbs) of Arizona State was available and New Orleans scooped him up. Karney was the top-rated fullback in the draft. He reminds Saints coaches of Terrelle Smith.

The final pick of the day was BYU LB Colby Bockwoldt (6-1, 230lbs).

The Saints expect to sign between 6-8 free agents during the week.

District Champs



The Bay Area Youth Soccer League U-14 girls won the Division II Southern District Soccer Tournament in Hattiesburg on Sunday, April 18. The BAYS team defeated East Central in a shoot-out after double overtime to win first place. The girls advance to the State Soccer Tournament in Jackson on May 1. Team members include coach Ellis Seal, back row at left, Cassandra Myers, Maggie Hunt, Rebekah Kennedy, Lauren Williamson, Madeline Vosbeln, Audra Puffer, Taylor Benvenutti, Coach Ben Benvenutti and front row from left, Leah Seal, Katy Kenny, Jen Lolacano, Amella Simpson, Kayla Crosby, Lauren Seal, Lizzy Milner, Helen Burnett and Keelan Marlowe.

SSC Golf claims Div 8-4A title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw golf team claimed the 2004 Division 8 Class 4A team title on Thursday, April 22, at the Pass Christian Isles.

SSC shot a team score 311 for top honors followed by East Central at 339, D'Iberville 365, Gautier 399, Vancleave 399 and Pass Christian 551.

Low medalist of the six-team tournament that featured 30 golfers was SSC's T.J. Koger with a 76. Other top scoring members for SSC were James Wahl with a 77, Mitch Higgins 78, Damien Holcomb 80, and John Chapoton with a 94.

The top two teams will compete in the Class 4A state championship golf match in Brookhaven on May 3-4.

SSC head golf coach

Chuck Genin commented, "I am very proud of the way we played today. It was a very competitive tournament. The members and pros at Pass Christian Isles were unbelievable."

"We had a member with every team which was vital to the success of this tournament. We are extremely grateful to PCI for all the assistance that they provided us and junior golf."

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Sports

St. Stanislaus claims Region 4 Class 4A track title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws track and field team captured the Region 4 Class 4A track title on Saturday, April 24, at the Gaston Hewes Athletic Complex in Gulfport.

The Rocks amassed 125 points to runner-up Laurel's 88 points. Vancleave was third with 77 points, D'Iberville 58, Pearl River Central 51, Gautier 36, Petal 32, Stone 28, Pass Christian 23, Bay St. Louis 21, George County 12, South Jones 9 and East Central 6 points.

On the girls' side, Vancleave ran away with the title scoring 133 points. D'Iberville placed second with 67 points followed by Pass Christian 65, Forrest County AHS 51, Laurel 47, Bay St. Louis 33, Gautier 33, South Jones 27, George County 25, Stone 22, Petal 15, Pearl River Central 10, and East Central 5 points.

The top four finishers in each event advanced to the South State championships on Saturday, May 1st.

The Rocks were led on the track by triple-winner Kyle Lewis. He won the 800m, 1600m and 3200m runs at the meet. His times were 2:04.07, 4:35.00, and 9:51.00,

respectively. Lewis has already signed a scholarship with the University of Mississippi to run cross country and track next year.

Jake Johnson claimed a regional title in the pole vault with a height of 12'. He also placed second in the long jump with a leap of 19'4".

Other top finishers for SSC were Troy Johnston in the 800m and 3200m runs. Johnston placed second behind Lewis in both events with times of 2:10.93 and 11:07.00, respectively.

Nick Weinmann also gained two second place finishes in the shotput and discus. Weinmann had distances of 46'2" and 137'5".

Beau Brodtmann of SSC placed second in the 400m dash with a time of 54.78 while teammate Bobby Nilson was runner-up in the 1600m run with a time of 4:54.00.

Rock pole vaulter Connor Smith took third place with a cleared height of 10' while Jeremy Burke advanced in the discus with a third place throw of 124'7".

The Rocks' 4x200m relay team of Zac Delaney, Chris Tran, Beau Brodtmann, and Josh Robinson advanced after placing third with a time of 1:36.78. The 4x400m relay

team of Delaney, Robinson, Brodtmann and Michael Kivan placed second with a time of 3:42.87.

SSC head track coach Steve Flannery stated, "I am very proud of the way we ran today. The runners who we depended on to win races and events came through and competed well."

The athletes who qualified in third or fourth place last week at the division meet stepped up to the challenge and bettered their positions for the South State meet.

Greg Lamier and Lorenzo Lewis were the lone qualifiers for Bay High. Lamier advanced in the 100m and 200m dashes while Lewis won the 400m dash.

Lamier's times were 11.29 and 23.00, respectively. He placed fourth in the 100m dash and third in the 200m dash. Lewis won the 400m dash with a time of 53.15.

Roscoe Forch placed second in the triple jump for Pass Christian with a leap of 40'5 1/2" while teammate Arthur Anderson placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 5'8".

The Pass Christian 4x400m relay team placed fourth to advance.

In the girls division, Bay High advanced in two individual events and thwo

relays. Crystal Skretching placed third in the 400m dash with a time of 1:07.66 while Farron Washington placed second in the 800m run with a time of 2:51.06.

The Lady Tigers' 4x200m and 4x400m relays teams placed third and second overall with times of 1:55.91 and 4:39.72.

The Lady Pirates of Pass Christian advanced in four individual events and all three relay events.

Diedra Palodé won the high jump with a height of 4'8" and placed second in the 100m low hurdles with a time of 18.56.

Dominique Dedeaux won the shotput with a distance of 29'3". Jessica Rush placed second in the high jump with more misses at 4'8".

Crystal Westbrook took third place in the 300m intermediate hurdles with a time of 57.56.

The 4x100m and 4x200m relay teams placed second overall with times of 54.31 and 1:55.91 while the 4x400m relay team placed fourth in 5:40.00.

In Region 4 Class 3A, the Our Lady Academy Crescents placed fourth with 76 points. Amite County won the meet with 161 points followed by Tylertown with 81 points. Wilkinson County was third with 80 points followed by OLA 76,

Poplarville 69, Hazelhurst 51, Columbia 16, Franklin County 10, Sumrall 5 and Greene County 5 points.

Jennifer Asper was a double-winner in the 1600m and 3200m runs. Her winning times were 5:55.00 and 12:38.00, respectively.

The Donlin sisters, Mandy and Jody, placed third in the 1600m and 3200m runs, respectively. Mandy's time was 6:33.93 in the 1600m and Jody

crossed the line in 14:46.00 in the 3200m.

Ellie Dauberive placed third in the 800m run followed by teammate Lindsay Benvenutti in fourth place. Their times were 2:43.28 and 2:46.71.

Margaret Rittiner placed third in the 400m run with a time of 1:04.97. Annette Allard was the only field event qualifier for OLA. She placed third in the high jump with a leap of 4'8".

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Stingrays head to World Series in July

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The Stingrays, 9 u., traveling baseball team, with players from Bay Saint Louis, Waveland, Kiln, Diamondhead, Dedeaux and Long Beach are on their way to Super Series, 9 u., World Series baseball play in Gulfport this July.

The team won four games and lost one in the recent World Series qualifying tournament.

The local team played against teams from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama in the tournament. Chad Cook, Long Beach, had two wins, Zack O'Hearn, Kiln, one win, Evan Peeler, Diamondhead had one win in the tournament. Conner Entreklin was relief pitcher

assisting in the win against the Mandeville Cardinals. Zack O'Hearn took the Sting Rays through the final game, which the team lost to another Mandeville team, the Rebels, 6-5.

The team is also one more tournament away from qualifying for the Simply the Best, 9 u., World Series in Panama City, Florida, in late June. The Stingrays began practice September 2003 for six months preparing for their spring and summer baseball season that is resulting in two exciting World Series of play.

"Our twelve member team owes their success to playing good defense, excellent pitching and solid hitting. The team has

hit its stride in playing confidence that has taken a season to develop," said Monty Strong, Stingray head coach.

Outfield players include Austin Ladner, Caleb Ladner, Coty Mitchell, Howard Weaver, Jr., and Tanner Parvin. The players are being trained to save in all outfield positions.

Josh Pasley, Chad Cook, Conner Entreklin, Trevor Strong, Even Peeler, Zack O'Hearn and David Warman play the infield, many in dual roles, as needed.

Monty Strong, Bay Saint Louis, is head coach. He is assisted by Charlie Mitchell, Jimmy Strong, Ricky Ladner, David Warman, all fathers of

team members with a combined 25 years of baseball coaching experience. Strong is also qualified as a youth and high school baseball umpire.

"Eight out of our 12 players also play in the Babe Ruth Baseball League in Bay Saint Louis. Our goal is to give these players added experience in playing select teams. The kids play because they love the sport, not to fulfill any of our dream as players and coaches," finished Strong.

The team would welcome sponsors interested in assisting the team in their remaining tournament and series participation. Please contact Strong, 466-9068 if interested.

Golf tournament benefits Boys, Girls Club

Members of the Pass Christian Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast will host their 5th Annual Pass Christian Unit Golf Tournament at The Oaks Golf Club on May 7.

Play will begin at 1 p.m. and is open to anyone interested. Cost is \$100 per player.

This year something new is being introduced to the tournament — a golf ball drop. Golf balls will be sold for \$25 each or five for \$100. Each ball purchased will be assigned a number, and the numbered golf balls

will be dropped from a helicopter onto the practice greens at The Oaks.

The Golf Ball Drop is basically a split the pot. Half of the money raised will go directly to the Pass Christian Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast to help support daily programs.

The other half of the pot is the prize that goes to the winner. The winning ball is the one that goes into the hole. If more than one ball goes into the hole, then they will split the prize equally. If no ball goes in the hole, the winner will be the "closest to the pin."

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The Golf Ball Drop will take place the day of the tournament at approximately 12:45 p.m., just prior to play beginning. Golf balls can be purchased from any Pass Christian Unit Board member or by calling 228-374-2330.

Dupont Delisle is again the major sponsor of this event. The Dupont Cooking Club, comprised of employees from the Dupont Delisle plant, will provide lunch for the day.

Five years ago community residents rallied together

to support a Boys & Girls Club in Pass Christian. The club, which opened in June 2000, is open to all youth age's 6-18 and provides after school and summer programs.

If you would like more information on the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast, a United Way Agency, please call 228-374-2330 or visit www.bgcgulfcoast.org.

Wildcats end season with split

MACJC South Division champ Pearl River split with arch-rival Mississippi Gulf Coast to wrap up its 2004 regular season Saturday at Kurly Farris Field.

The No. 2-ranked

Wildcats took a 6-2 victory in the first game, but fell 4-2 in the nightcap to end the regular season at 38-7 overall and 14-2 in league play. Gulf Coast, on the other hand, improved to 32-11 and 8-7.

PRCC will now host the MACJC State Tournament in Wildcat Stadium starting today and ending Sunday pitting the top two finishers from the league's North, Central, and South divisions.

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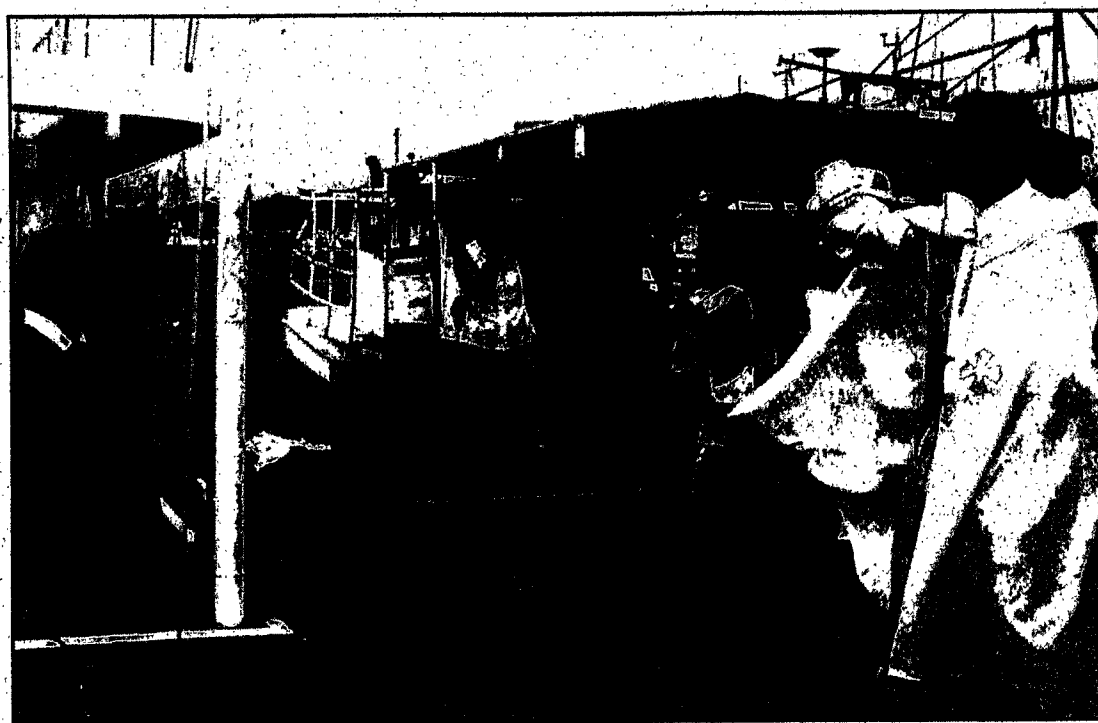
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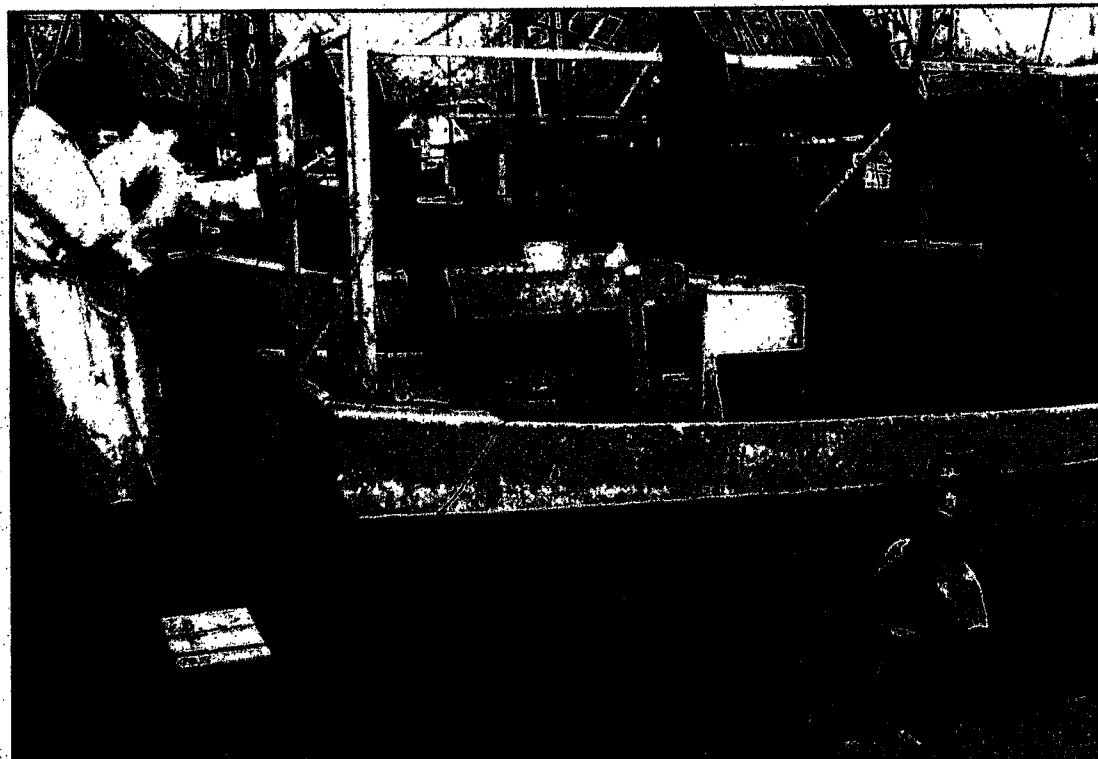
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Pass Christian celebrates 28th annual 'Blessing'



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Blessing of the Fleet

Decorating contest winners

Best overall: The Bradley Boys, owners Bill and Jim Bradley.

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Pleasure: First place, Janet Marie, owner Brett Jenkins; second place, Compagna, owner Dennie Abuey; third place, Hooked on a Dollar, owner Larry Pavolini.



Time

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FORTY YEARS AGO

April 16, 1964 - Date of Monday, May 25, was set for the opening day of the softball season and Sunday, May 10, for the first tournament when the Bay St. Louis Softball League met Monday night in Trapani's Knock-Knock Club.

Double-headers will be played each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. with forfeit time at 7:45 p.m. The league will be limited to eight teams, each to be allowed up to 17 players.

Pennie Sue Webre, vivacious brunette from Bay St. Louis, last week was named Miss Southern in the annual beauty pageant at the university of Southern Mississippi, in competition with 14 other comely coeds. Sophomore majoring journalism, Pennie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webre of Bay St. Louis.

"We would like to have something going in early June," administrator Tom Logue told the Hancock General Hospital Trustees at a meeting Tuesday night speaking of the 30-bed addition.

(Photo) Words with the Governor - Dan M. Russell, Jr., Colonel on the staff of Gov. Paul Johnson, chats with governor during mid-afternoon lunch served legislative group here Friday after they inspected Mississippi Test Operations. In background is Bay St. Louis Mayor John Scaife.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 23, 1954 - A former St. Stanislaus pitcher, D.J. Luc, left Saturday for Lexington, Kentucky, where he will play professional baseball. Luc was signed to a Class (C) league contract by "Zeke" Bonura, another former athlete of St. Stanislaus who rose to fame in this field.

Luc had an impressive high school record last year having an earned run average of .000. In 43 innings he gave up five runs, six hits and walked only two men. In a semi-pro game, he pitched a no-hitter, striking out 19 men in seven innings. When he is not pitching he plays first base and was high in hitting on his high school team.

Leads Sammy Kay band. Mrs. Charley Langley, nee Ann Jenkins, at the Roosevelt Hotel, (New Orleans), on her honeymoon was selected with three others to try her skill in leading Sammy Kay's orchestra.

The winner is judged according to the applause of the audience and Mrs. Langley was selected first place.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

April 21, 1944 - Mr. and Mrs. August Schindler of Bay St. Louis, whose son Cpl. Leo Schindler is with the armed forces in the Italian Sector, received a letter from their son in which he advised them that he has been transferred to a hospital North Africa for an operation and that he was

much elated that he was visited by Lt. Andrae Quintini of the American Army Nurses Corps from Bay St. Louis.

He told his parents she was assigned to a different ward from the one he was located, but that she visited him in her spare moments. Later Mrs. Schindler received a letter from Lt. Quintini so said ... "Leo was here in out hospital but he is now gone back to Italy.

He certainly did look good and health couldn't have been any better. ... It was really swell to meet someone from home and we had a wonderful time talking about the good old town.

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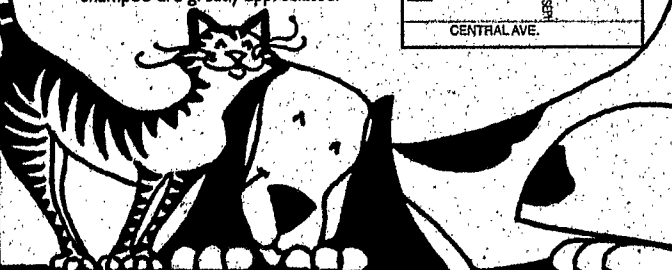
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Entertainment

Aquarius offers 'Fame' May 7-9



Pictured from left are (seated) Taylor D. Switzer as Serena Katz, Timothy D. Womble as Nick Piazza, Kevin Williams as Tyrone Jackson, (standing) Sarah Bragg as Miss Sherman, Robyn Reeder as Iris Kelly and Nyrenda Marshall as Carmen Diaz.

Musical is bittersweet, inspiring story of diverse group of students

SEA COAST ECHO
Aquarius Productions will present "Fame, the Musical" May 7-9 at the Biloxi Saenger Theatre. Show times are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on May 9.

Set during the last years of New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts on 46th Street (1980-1984), "Fame, the Musical" is a bittersweet but ultimately inspiring story of a diverse group of students as they commit to four years of grueling artistic and academic work.

With candor, humor and insight, the show explores the issues that confront many young people today

— issues of prejudice, identity, self-worth, literacy, sexuality, substance abuse and perseverance.

With its topical subject matter, multi-ethnic cast of actors, singers, dancers and instrumentalists and high-energy, contemporary pop score which includes the hit title song, "Fame, the Musical" is sure to hit home with everyone involved.

There is music and dancing for pure entertainment but also a story line that gives you something to sink your teeth into and come away from the show with an insight into the struggles that teenagers deal with on a daily basis.

The audience will follow the journey through four years of high school as the students deal with chal-

lenges, succeeding and failing, anger, compassion, love and friendship and death.

Through all their trials and tests they prove that they will in fact "live forever."

The cast includes Nyrenda Marshall as Carmen Diaz, Tim Womble as Nick Piazza, Taylor Switzer as Serena Katz, Kevin Williams as Tyrone Jackson, Lauren Broussard as Mabel Washington, Christaan Perez as Joe Vegas, Robyn Reeder as Iris Kelly, Samuel Sartin as Schlomo Metzbaum, Ashlee Campbell as Grace "Lambchops" Lamb, Sarah Bragg as Miss Sherman, Meggan Gray as Ms. Bell, Bill Sumrall as Mr. Myers and David Foster as Mr. Sheinkopf.

The female ensemble includes Francesca Gonzalez, Janey Henley, Holly Landry, Kimberly

Nord, Ashley Perez and Katie Walker. The male ensemble features Jordan Adcock and Keegan Westover.

Director and Choreographer: LeAnne D. Toombs will direct and choreograph. Others involved include Timothy D. Womble, assistant director; Sarah Bragg, vocal director; Angie DeFrait, stage manager; and Bettie Toombs, costumer.

The band includes Jacques Capers, Buddy Johnson, Mark Smith, Syd DeFrait and Chuck Menendez.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors (55 and up), youth (5-19), military, law enforcement and firefighters. Children 4 and under are admitted for free.

All seating is general admission. Reservations can be made by calling 228-896-5310.

Jazz in the Pass set May 8

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The Sixth Annual Jazz in the Pass will be held on

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Jazz in the Pass is a free family festival under the Oaks featuring Jazz, Dixieland, and Blues and more.

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TOMMY GRASS CUTTING: Weed-eating & trash hauling. Free estimates. B.S.L. & Diamondhead area. Call 228-466-4854.

63 Business Opportunities

TURN KEY DELI FOR SALE or lease. Very reasonable. 228-493-5842 or 228-255-3427.

UPSCALE LADIES BOUTIQUE for sale. 467-7605 or 255-8086.

73 Help Wanted

\$250 to \$500 A WEEK. WILL TRAIN to work at home. Helping the U.S. Government file HUD/FHA mortgage refunds. No experience necessary. Call toll free 1-866-537-2906.

BRANCH MGR. FINANCE. \$400-\$50K +. Call SuLynni @ Snelling 1-800-678-0126.

DUNBAR VILLAGE COURTYARD: Come join our family! Need a dedicated individual for night charge attendant. Must be mature and have some experience in working with the elderly. 725 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520; 228-466-3099; Fax: 228-466-3994, EOE.

DUNBAR VILLAGE: We're opening a new skilled unit and we're looking for RN's, LPN's & CNA's to join our "Eden Family". Not just a home for our residents, it's a home for our employees as well. You'll love working in this clean, friendly environment where everyone's a respected team player, and our State surveys are outstanding. All shifts, full or part-time. CNA training program starting soon. 725 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520; 228-466-3099; Fax: 228-466-3994, EOE.

FULL TIME LEGAL SECRETARY. Pay DOE, deliver/mail resume to Haas & Haas, 201 N. Second St., B.S.L. or fax to 228-467-6575. V. Al. 228-467-6575.

HELP WANTED: EARN UP TO \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. Info 1-985-646-1700 Dept. MS-290.

MEDICAL BILLING/CODING Medical practice in Bay St. Louis, MS seeking qualified full time applicants for medical billing/coding. Applicants to be considered must possess experience in medical billing and/or coding. Send resume and salary requirements to Peak Performance Physicians, LLC, 1350 Camp St., New Orleans, LA 70130. 504-281-2576 (fax).

NEEDED: EXPERIENCED Carpenter, must have own transportation. 463-0831.

P/T WORK FOR HIGH SCHOOL student as general helper, lawn & clean-up work. Leave message with name & phone. 228-304-0888.

ROOFERS NEEDED, 228-547-5410.

STYLIST, YOUR CHAIR, YOUR business, your room, only \$75 rental, pocket the savings, \$100 a month. Glamour Gallery. 463-1001.

81 Appliances

PAUL'S APPLIANCE REPAIR SERVICE: Only \$19.50 for service calls in Bay/Waveland area. We buy, sell or trade all appliances. 90 day warranty on all sales and service. 493-0822.

PERRY'S APPLIANCE REPAIR: Repairs on your appliances. Sales on rebuilt machines. I'll even haul away your old machines. Call 228-332-1073.

RECONDITIONED HOME APPLIANCES: full warranty, large selection. In home repairs, over 15 yrs. experience in appliance service. "I can fix what they sold you!" BCB Home Appliances & Service. 216-1958 or 324-9265.

SKIP'S REBUILT WASHERS & Dryers. 90 day full guaranteed sales, parts, home service. Also buy non working appliances. Bay Washers 467-6122.

83 Items For Sale

1956 INTERNATIONAL LADDER Firetruck, \$3000. 1964 International Pumper Firetruck, \$4000. Rugged for Mardi Gras Parade. Call 467-6928.

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APPROX. 20,000 SPORTS CARDS, comic cards and collectors coins, some unopened, \$1500. Call 342-1909.

BABY LOCK SERGER SEWING machine, cost \$800., sell \$110. Call 228-466-0338.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING DRESS, Strappy with train, never worn, size 1-2, must sacrifice, \$250. Perfect for spring or summer wedding. 228-342-2973 or 228-466-3476, leave message.

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GOLF CART 2000 GAS/ELEC. 36v Yamaha. 2003 36v Yamaha. 1998 48v Yamaha. 228-586-5253 or 323-4643.

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88 Tools, Machinery

14-1/2 H.P. YANMAR TRACTOR w/front loader, new 4 disc, and fork attachment. New front tires and battery. Garage kept, very clean. Serious calls only. \$4,000, obo. 228-493-6861.

GARD 4000 TRACTOR, BUSH hog, box blade, \$6,500, 467-7595.

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ESTATE SALE SAT. & SUN. MAY 1-2, noon on. Brass bed, kitchen table, china cabinet, recliners, sleeper sofa, TV, freezer, and much more. 316 Carroll Ave., B.S.L., 467-2445.

FRI. & SAT., 8:00-2:00. MULTI Family, misc., clothes, jewelry. 107 Carlos Ct., B.S.L. off Old Spanish Trail in Spanish Acres.

GARAGE SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 1st. 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Multiple family, 206 Vacation Ln., Waveland. Rain or shine.

GARAGE SALE: JEWELRY. Dishes, mens & ladies clothing & plants. Fri., Sat., Sun., 12:00-4:00pm. 220 8th St., B.S.L.

HUGE CARPORT SALE-FURNITURE. slate top pool table, TV, large micro-wave, computer, printer, weed-eater, garden, clothes, formal, baby items, bride magazines, books, videos, cd's, house hold items, linens, bric-a-brac, collectibles, Avon, toys, etc. Sat., May 1st, 8:00a.m.-11p. 1125 Longo St., Waveland

HUGH, HUGH. ANTIQUES, furniture, building materials, old light fixtures, art, decorative items, and much, much more. Years of accumulation. Sat. & Sun. 8-4. 110 Adrienne Ct. (corner Central Ave. in Waveland).

MOVING SALE: FRI., SAT., SUN. 12:00-4:00pm. Dinette set, new hand made baby quilts, receiving blankets & afghans, formal size 3-10, \$5.00. 220 8th St., B.S.L.

MOVING SALE: 421 DeMontluzin Ave., rain or shine, multi family, 8:00-12:00, Sat. only.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE: Coleman at Beach Blvd. 10:00 to 3:00, 5/1/04. Rain date 5/8/04.

SAT., 8:00A.M.-2:00P.M., 134 Espana Park Dr., Waveland. Wedding deco., furniture, tools, clothes.

96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, tools, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

CASH FOR UNWANTED ITEMS before garage sale, moving, estate disposal or cleaning out. Buying brick, brick, households, tools, antiques, sheds/garage items. Wood furniture etc. Call 467-4857. If we can help you out. Also cleaning out sheds/garages for cash/contents. All messages returned promptly.

127 RV Sites

SHADY ACRES RV PARK. LARGE monthly lots with concrete pads, nice yards and full hookups. Quiet and safe place to live, Bay/Waveland area. Call for information. 228-463-9670.

128 Boats & Motors

1997 17' CAPE HORNE 130HP Yamaha, ready to fish, 7K. Call Bruce 228-323-2281.

1998 PONTON BOAT, 21-FT., 50 Johnson & trailer, \$8000. 467-7152.

1999 20 FOOT DOUBLE AXLE galvanized magic tilt boat trailer with brakes, new tires, new carpet, \$800., 601-310-7915.

25 FT. BOSTON WHALER, 225 Johnson VRO, 150 gallon, live well, center console, dual wheel trailer. Good condition, \$18,000. 228-586-5253 or 323-4643.

128 Boats & Motors

22' GRADY WHITE WALKAROUND w/elect. Custom built 2000lb hard top, w/electronics box and rod holder. 225 Yamaha w/stainless prop gel-coat, transom, wiring & accessories reworked in 2002. Garage kept very clean, baby on the way, must sell, \$14,500, obo. Serious inquiry only. 228-493-8881.

26' F.G. CABIN CRUISER, 6 CYL diesel eng., \$9,500. 467-7595.

BASS BOAT HYDRA SPORT 16, 1/2", 1997 like new 50 hours 90 hp Evinrude. Trolling motor new batteries. Can be seen at Waveland Flea Market on Hwy. 90 behind Daddy's, Fri., Sat., Sun., or call 228-467-1486, 228-218-1223.

CUSTOM BUILT CALDWELL T-TOP w/crows nest, gold rod holders, Aqua Marine Green canvas top fits center console, \$1,700, obo, 228-493-6861.

PONTOON BOATS BEST PRICES. large selection starting at \$10,995 plus TTL. Premier Performance Marine. Call today 1-888-270-2276.

136 Automobiles

91 DODGE SPIRIT NEW Everything very dependable 4 door automatic \$1200. 864-6519.

94 NISSAN MAXIMA, NEEDS transmission work obo, \$550. 467-0610.

CHEVY ASTRO MINIVAN 1989 Chevy Astro, runs great. \$1,500 or best offer. 228-255-7828.

FOR SALE: 1974 PLYMOUTH Valent, runs great. Needs electrical work, \$1,000 or best offer. 466-6507.

FORD ESCORT GT 1987 FORD Escort, \$400. Runs great! aluminum wheels, new tires. 228-255-7828.

143 Real Estate Services

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146 Rooms For Rent

NICE BEDROOM, LARGE, Carpeted house. Living room & dining room, cable, \$95/week. 463-0044.

SPANISH ACRES GUEST ROOM. TV, continental breakfast, extras. \$325/mo. 903 Spanish Acres Dr.

147 Apartments For Rent

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH, LEASE Required. 467-9278.

2 BEDROOM SPACIOUS APT., central a/h, washer & dryer, water paid, large yard, \$575/month. 467-1234.

2/BR COMPLETELY FURNISHED, Jordan River waterfront apartment, off 603, pet/free, \$430/mo. \$200/dep. 255-1264.

The Waverly Apartments

NOW LEASING

New Special:
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Old Nicholson Rd at Hwy 603
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Blue Meadow Apartments
2 Bedrooms
Unfurnished Apartments
AVAILABLE NOW
Call 467-1763

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT in Kiln, Pet/free. 255-9397.

3 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, \$375/month, \$350/deposit, pet free, 463-0585.

3BR/2BA, W/D HOOKUP, CENTRAL h/a, new floors & carpet, pet/free. One mile from beach, Lakeshore Rd. \$550/mp, \$550/dep. 228-304-0573.

EXCEPTIONAL LONG BEACH location, new 3BR/2Ba, scenic oaks, beautiful private acreage, senior discount, \$550/month. 864-6519.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

12X60 MOBILE HOME, \$1,000 OR best offer. 228-255-7828.

16X60 3BDRM 2BATH, W/STOVE, ref., dishwasher. Separate laundry room, garden tub in master bath. Like new condition. In Waveland. Asking \$23,500. Call 467-1486 or 216-1223.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1 BEDROOM \$350, B.S.L., available immediately. 228-466-2871.

1/BR BY DEPOT, \$425/MO., PLUS deposit. 467-6376 or 1-888-815-9541.

1005 RUE DE LASALLE, 3BR/1BA, central a/h, \$500/deposit, \$650/per month. Phone 467-5348.

2 BEDROOM CENT. H/A, W/D hookups; fenced yard, stove & ref., pet/free. 467-9777.

2 BEDROOM COTTAGE, Waveland, pet free. 255-9397.

2/BR ON WATER WITH DOCK, \$550/mo., plus deposit. 228-216-0524 or 228-671-9067.

AVAILABLE MAY 1ST, SMALL upstairs guest cottage on water. Bring boat. 2Br/2Ba, central a/h, new appliances, w/d, \$475/mo., plus security & utilities, on 1-year lease. Second house much larger, 3Br/3Ba, large screened room, also on water. \$875/mo., 937-781-8526.

COTTAGE NEAR OLD TOWN: 2Bd/1Ba, \$500/month plus security & utilities. 466-0135.

IN KILN, 3BR/2BA., Double garage, brick home on 2 acres, \$850/month. 228-216-2625.

LARGE 2BR/1BA WATERFRONT duplex. Hwy 603, central a/heat, pet/smoke free, large yard, \$450/mo, \$400/dep. Sailfish Realty 342-0783.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NEW DUPLEX, 1300 SQ. FT. 3Br/2Ba, utility room, large yard, water, sewer, garbage paid, \$695. 255-5326, 341-3601.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

RENTAL TOWNHOUSE Purchase available with deposit or seller financing. 309 Victoria St., BSL, approx. 2000 sqft. 3Br/2Ba, wood/ceramic floors, fireplace, park like yard w/privacy fence, bonus room for office/study, beautiful home just around the corner from park. \$154,500. Call 228-424-6764.

SKYLINE DR. 3BR/2BA, CENTRAL h/a, carpet, \$725/mo., \$725 deposit. 467-7142.

151 Furn. Houses Rent

CHARMING FISHING CAMP on water, by the week, dock, boat launch, TV, VCR, bargain rates. Call 337-781-8526. See www.geocities.com/redfishroost

154 Real Estate Investments

WE PAY CASH FOR YOUR MORT- GAGE, free quote. Call Jessie, 228-671-9354.

156 Lots/Acreage

1/2 ACRE LOT IN HENLEY PL. IN B.S.L. asking \$12,800. obo. 985-710-2031.

100% OWNER FINANCING. Will also finance water connection and septic system fees. White Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from 1 acre to 30 acres, mobile homes allowed in certain areas and great fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit, thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

2 LOTS BAYSIDE PARK, West Benton St. \$500/down, balance \$10,000, 10 years, 10%, \$132.16/month. 467-3935.

CAMP ON 3 HIGH LOTS NEEDS work, 4250 Gulf Street, \$14,000 negotiable. 1-601-799-7777. 1-601-916-4724, 1-601-799-1924, 228-806-4856.

FOR SALE, BAYSIDE PARK, PIKE St. 2 lots, \$3400. Call 423-725-5501 or 467-0393.

HUNTER HEAVEN 180 ACRES, Green County, 3Br/2Ba home, stream runs through, \$285,000. Call 601-583-8830 or 601-818-8889.

LARGE LOT FOR SALE Terrific location, Espana Park, cleared, ready to build, \$18,900.00. Owner financing available only \$500.00 down. 228-467-5734.

158 Commercial Property

COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL, large 2-story building, used as a church, 1804 Nicholson, Waveland, 467-3945.

DIAMONDHEAD OUTBACK OF- FICE & shop space, \$350 to \$875. 255-0150.

DIAMONDHEAD-400-SF-750-SF 1500-sf. Newly remodeled office space. 14x40-14x36 boat & RV storage also available. Located on Kapalama Dr. at the back north gate of Diamondhead. 228-493-6861.

FOR LEASE 800 SQ. FT. OFFICE or retail building, in Kiln. 228-493-5842 or 228-255-3427.

HWY. 90 NEAR HANCOCK MEDI- CAL Center 1200 sq. ft. office space for lease recently remodeled \$850/mo. 467-8392.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY on 304 Washington Street, Bay St. Louis. Concrete block building 29'x24' with a 14'x15' canopy over the front door. \$36,000 493-1805.

158 Commercial Property

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Chiclaw Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

159 Houses For Sale

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COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL, large 2-story building, used as a church, 1804 Nicholson, Waveland, 467-3945.

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DIAMONDHEAD-400-SF-750-SF 1500-sf. Newly remodeled office space. 14x40-14x36 boat & RV storage also available. Located on Kapalama Dr. at the back north gate of Diamondhead. 228-493-6861.

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OWNER FINANCE: 3BR, \$57,000 w/\$2,000 down, notes \$570/total note. 100 Duthu St. off St. Joseph, Waveland, 1-228-332-1558.

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Public Notices

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on December 14, 1998, Robert King III and Andrea M. King executed a Deed of Trust to Donald R. Jones as Trustee for the benefit of Novastar Mortgage, Inc., which Deed of Trust was recorded in Book 535 at Page 983 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Novastar Mortgage, Inc. assigned said Deed of Trust to Household Finance Corporation pursuant to a Corporate Assignment of Deed of Trust dated December 23, 1998 and recorded in Book 535 at Page 983 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Household Finance Corporation II, the holder of said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, substituted David A. Wheeler as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, as evidenced by an instrument dated March 18, 2004, and recorded in Book 624 Page 428 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Household Finance Corporation II, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Wheeler, Substitute Trustee, will on May 14, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main Front Door of the County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property:

Lot 16, Block 1, Diamondhead Subdivision, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4 at Pages 30-32.

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: Lot Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17), Block Thirteen (13), Unit Four (4), Phase Two (2), DIAMONDHEAD SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 19th day of April, 2004.

David A. Wheeler
Substitute Trustee
Wheeler & Wheeler PLLC
185 Main Street
P.O. Box 264
Biloxi, MS 39533
Telephone No. (228) 374-6720

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark S. Mayfield, Trustee for said Deed of Trust, will on May 13, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main Front Door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hancock County, MS, to-wit:

Lot 11, Block 4, HANCOCK HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2, Rear First Ward, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substitute Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on May 7, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main Front Door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

THE LOTS FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) OF SQUARE THREE (3) OF THE GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN OF SURVEY BY DRAKE AND CHAPMAN, CIVIL ENGINEERS, DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2003, as recorded in Book 623 at Page 465; and

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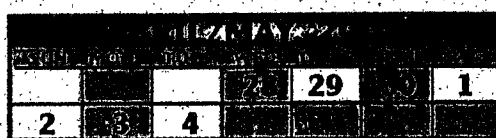
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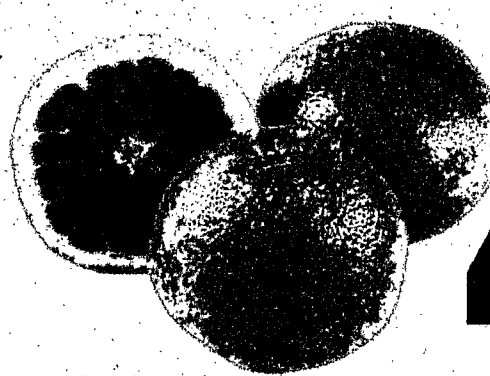
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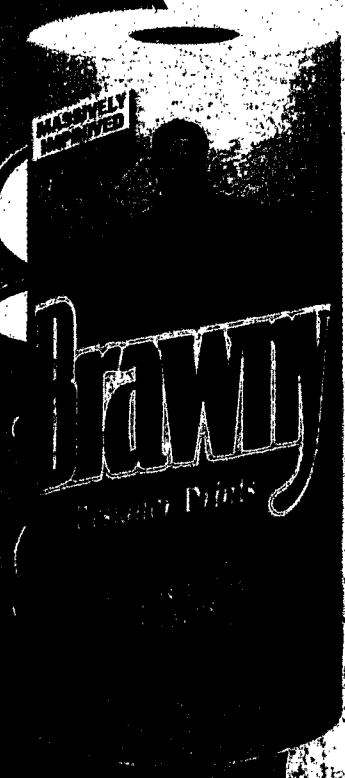
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Hancock County Salutes Citizens & Businesses of the Year annual gala set April 30 at Casino Magic

SEA COAST ECHO
Nearly 500 business, industry and community leaders from across the Mississippi Coast will gather Friday, April 30, to Salute Hancock County's Business & Industry during the annual gala at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

The gala is sponsored by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, and Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Other supporting sponsors of the gala include American Medical Response Ambulance Service, city of Bay St. Louis, city of Waveland, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Prestige Printing, Sea Coast Echo, Lockheed Martin and The Sun Herald.

Tish Williams, manager of

the gala for the sponsors, said the event is already sold out.

Williams said that the response to this important event has been inspiring.

"Annually, Hancock County has a unique opportunity to bring small business together with big business, local and state government together with the federal government, and the tourism industry together with industrial leaders for one common goal: to recognize the men and women of Hancock County who are making a difference for our area," she said. "When people get together, great things happen."

Lauded as one of the fastest growing areas in the state, the regional economists call Hancock County a bright spot in the Coastal economy, buoyed by continued activity at NASA's Stennis Space Center and growing tourism amenities.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception, followed by a seated served dinner in the Cypress Cove Ballroom by the professional staff of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

During the awards presentation the following businesses and citizens will be recognized:

Businesses of the Year: City of Bay St. Louis - Bookends Bookstore; Diamondhead Diamondhead Cleaners;

Kiln - Coastal Hardware & Rental Co.; Waveland - Rickey's Bar & Grill. Tourism Industry Person of the Year: Michael Reinike Cuevas, city of Bay St. Louis; Tourism Industry Business of the Year: Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. Industry of the Year: Polychemie, Inc. Award of Excellence: Lockheed Martin. Outstanding Citizens and Citizen of the Year: Sue Ashman, Ashman-Mollere Realty, Inc.; John F.

Auderer Jr.; Charles B. Benvenuti, CPA; Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Randolph C. Bourgeois; David A. Geiger, The Boeing Company; Nicholas McLeod Haas, Attorney at Law; John Hall, Coldwell Banker-Alfonso Realty; Louis D. Hall; Martha Claire Haun, Granny1.com and Creative Health Resources; Marian T. Martin, Gulfside United Methodist Assembly; David Mayley, Pest Control Specialists, Inc.

Annual Awards Gala 2004 Salute to Business & Industry

Friday, April 30, 2004
 Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

6:00pm

Reception

7:15pm

Welcome & Introductions

Jody Compretta, Master of Ceremonies
 John Chaszar, Gala Chairman

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

7:30pm

Dinner

Fresh Mixed Greens
 Slow Roasted Prime Rib au Jus
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes
 Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Dessert: Praline Cheesecake

8:15pm

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A message from the Chamber

BY JODY COMPRETTE
Chamber President

When we work together, we can make great things happen for Hancock County. 2003 was a year of strategic planning. 2004 and beyond must be focused on implementation of three visionary strategic plans. One is from Stennis Space Center, the other is from Partners for Stennis, and the final plan is from the business community of Hancock County. These plans have one single purpose and three central themes: quality of life, education, and economic prosperity.

Stennis Space Center (SSC) is the economic engine that can continue to drive our economy. By 2010, SSC plans to double the number of personnel working there, adding 4,500 new jobs to the area. Under the leadership of Tom Donaldson, this is happening. Plans are also underway to develop a national science, technology and education center on I-10



Jody Compretta



by 2007 to motivate students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. This will significantly

affect academic performance in our schools to grow the next generation of explorers.

These plans are moving toward implementation because a group of men and women had a vision and are providing leadership to make it happen. Through the Chamber, SSC, Partners for Stennis, the Port & Harbor Commission, the Tourism Development Bureau, and our elected officials, we can achieve the vision together. By the year 2008, Hancock County can be a thriving and vibrant community, recognized nationally as a superior place to live, work, retire and play.

The future is calling each of us to play a role to make this vision reality because... None of us is as smart as all of us. Get involved. It works!

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Businesses of the Year

Diamondhead Cleaners

The Diamondhead Business & Professional Association plays a vital role for businesses to network and market their services for continued growth in the community. The association proudly names Diamondhead Cleaners as Business of the Year.

Angie Welter never dreamed that her first job as a high school senior would lead to owning her own business in Diamondhead, Mississippi. Angie has more than 17 years experience in the dry cleaning business.



Angie Welter

When she moved to Mississippi eight years ago, she began working at Diamondhead Cleaners. After only two years, she purchased the business in 1999.

Diamondhead Cleaners supports numerous local clubs and charitable organizations. Some of these include St. Paul's Carnival Association, Hancock Hardwood Club, Diamondhead Lions Club, Mississippi State Troopers Association, Rotary Club Christmas Drive, Annunciation Parish Men's Club, Diamondhead Performing Arts, Mississippi Gulf Coast Fire Fighters, Diamondhead Swim Team, Pearl River Community College, The Dance Company, Mississippi Basketball Association and the Diamondhead Women's Club. Angie also supports athletic programs at Hancock High School, and she collects and cleans coats and sweaters for Hope Haven. After the attacks of September 11th, 2001,

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This year, the City of Bay St. Louis recognizes Bookends Bookstore as Business of the Year. As an independent bookstore owner, Susan Daigre understands the importance of community support and the role it plays in the success of a small business.

Located in an historic 1920s bungalow on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis, Bookends Bookstore offers much more than new and used books. Author appearances and programs designed to promote the value of literacy and knowledge, and the passion and personality of the staff are keys to her success.

Since 1987, Bookends Bookstore has been involved with local organizations and schools, helping teachers and administrators in Hancock and Harrison Counties select the best books for their students.

Susan is a charter member of the Library Foundation of Hancock County Board of Directors. And, Bookends has long had a wonderful relationship with the Hancock County Library System, supporting the Summer Reading Program in so many ways. Susan is passionate about this program, personally coordinating



Susan Daigre

the children's weekly story hour at the Bay St. Louis Branch.

Bookends Bookstore is a member of The American Booksellers Association; and, is a participant in Book Sense, a program connecting over 1,100 independent bookstores across the nation.

This gives Bookends the opportunity to network with others in the same competitive environment.

She has served as president of the Mid-South Independent Booksellers Association and as vice-president of the New Orleans Gulf South Independent Booksellers Association.

Bookends has been featured in a number of magazines, most notably *Southern Living*, and was also featured on Mississippi Roads on public television.

Kiln Area Business of the Year

Coastal Hardware & Rental Company



Mary Ann Strickland

A few years ago, the only businesses in the Kiln were a couple of convenience stores. Today, this stretch along Highway 603, is home to many small businesses and these numbers are growing. A good part of this growth is due to entrepreneurship, such as that demonstrated by Mary Ann Strickland. The Hancock County Board of Supervisors proudly recognize Coastal Hardware & Rental Co. as Kiln Area Business of the year.

Five years ago, Mary Ann Strickland's former husband and George Gilmore took an old grocery store and post office in the Kiln and started Coastal Hardware. The kids were grown, and at the age of 40, Mary Ann longed for a college degree.

She was needed at the business. So by day, she worked the business, and by night she worked the books, thanks to a tennis scholarship from Jefferson Davis Community College.

A member of the tennis team, she managed to have it all, including a spot on the Dean's list.

Soon, this female owner of a hardware store found even more challenges as a single mom with two kids, seven

dogs, four miniature horses, three horses and a pony. She had something to prove, and she was determined to make the business a success and obtain an associates degree, which she did.

Today, with up to 20 employees, annual sales are

estimated at \$1.3 million. Through Stickland's free spirit and creative thinking, Coastal Hardware has grown into much more than a Hardware Store, featuring special gift items, rentals for weddings and parties, and a new western wear line for

show moms and children.

And, soon, she'll be on the road taking this new line to horse shows as the Spirit of the Painted Pony.

Manager George Gilmore says the key to the success of Coastal Hardware are long hours, available merchan-

dise, and a spirited owner. Mary Ann says she owes it all to her parents Vincent and Elvira Pecoraro, her children and her employees. And, she gives back supporting Catholic Education, Riding Clubs, Churches, and Athletic Programs.

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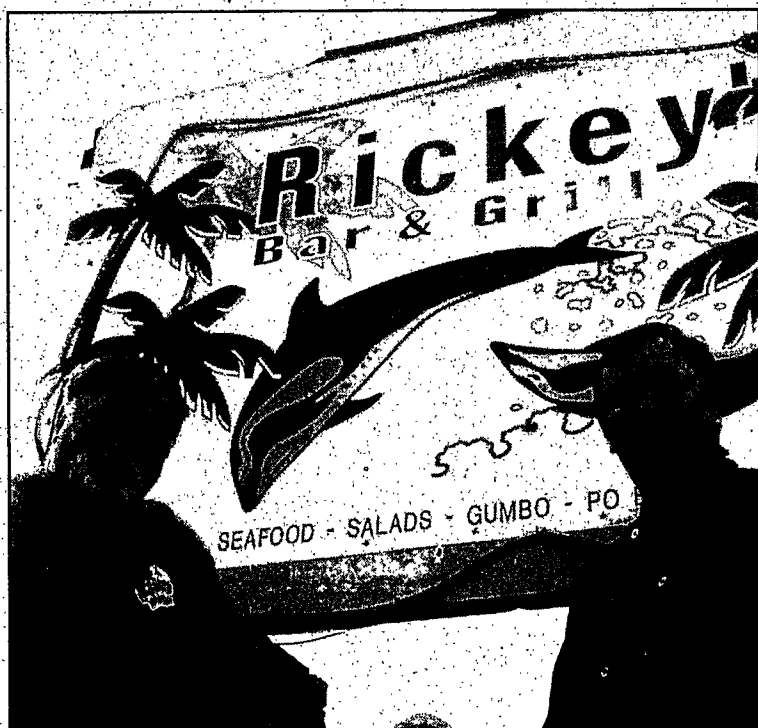
Waveland Business of the Year

Rickey's Bar & Grill

Five years ago, when Bill Boyd and Rickey Peters made a decision to open a restaurant on Coleman Avenue, this investment brought life back to a once vibrant area of Waveland. This investment brought new jobs, new business income, new sales taxes, and it was an attractor, bringing other investors to the area. The City of Waveland proudly names Rickey's Bar & Grill as Business of the Year.

Bill and Rickey are a great pair—Bill handles the business side of the operations and Rickey manages taking care of their customer's appetites. If you have experienced Rickey's you know the portions are large, the food is creatively presented and consistently good.

Chef Rickey is a protégé of Chef Paul Prudhomme. An



Bill Boyd & Chef Rickey Peters

artisan in his trade for 19 years, Rickey is proud to offer

original dishes to please the palate. Rickey's Bar & Grill serves everything from steaks, pasta dishes, po-boys, and of course, seafood. Rickey gives much credit to his partner Bill and to their great staff. They both agree, they could not do it without them and their loyal customers.

Partner Bill Boyd is a member of the Coleman Coalition and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, and is actively involved in supporting community events throughout the county, including Dixie Girls Softball, Gaits to Success and Hope Haven.

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Person of the Year

Tourism...touted as the largest industry in the world, is one of the largest and brightest emerging industries in Hancock County. Through the efforts of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and area tourism industry leaders, tourism's economic impact is now a huge part of the economy of this county. In Hancock County, one out of every eight jobs are tourism related, and millions of dollars annually are generated, directly contributing to the public and private sector's bottom lines.

Michael Reinike Cuevas, better known as "Mike", is director of cultural affairs for the City of Bay St. Louis, her second career with the city.

She served from 1988 – 1993, primarily as Clerk of the Council and director of the Development Foundation.

After working with the cities of Waveland, d'Iberville and the Biloxi Port Commission as a community development specialist, she returned to work with Bay St. Louis in 1997 to finish the job she started in 1990—the restoration and re-opening of the historic Bay St. Louis Depot.

She established the Depot as the social heart of the Bay, developing and hosting exhibits, seminars and special events appealing to local residents and the growing number of visitors coming to the Bay.

The Bay Clay Studio, a working partnership with master potter Talle



Mike Cuevas

Johnson, is a unique, long-term project started by Cuevas that focuses on "teaching the teacher." Art teachers from throughout the Gulf South are frequent visitors to the studio. Cuevas is accepted as Bay St. Louis' city government historian, and has written numerous tourism and local history related brochures that focus on the influence of the city's African-American history. She is currently working on a major publication documenting the advent of dockside gaming.

Mike is an active partner with The Arts-Hancock County, Hancock County Library System, and the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau. She is currently participating in the first tourism professional certification class with the University of Southern Mississippi and is a certified Main Street Manager.

Mike is the wife of the late Sam Cuevas, and has two children, Katherine Cuevas Breath and Joseph Reinike Cuevas and a wonderful four-year old grandson, Charlie Breath.

Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau Tourism Industry Business of the year

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

For more than ten years, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has been a driving force for gaming and hospitality in Hancock County. When purchased in August of 2000 by Penn National Gaming, a comprehensive plan for expansion and an additional \$37 million were committed to the resort. Under the leadership of John "JJ" Jagunich, the casino resort successfully completed the expansion, improved customer satisfaction, increased the number of Magic Team members to over 1300...and provided the guidance to substantially grow annual revenue while contributing in

excess of \$12 million in local and state taxes. Penn National Gaming's commitment to Hancock County is stronger than ever, and they demonstrate this time and again through property investment, and commitment to community.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has raised the bar, setting a new standard for others to follow. The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau is proud to name Casino Magic Bay St. Louis as Tourism Business of the Year, an inaugural award. Casino Magic Bay St. Louis opened September 30, 1992. Today, it is one of the largest dockside casino developments in the



John "J.J." Jagunich, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

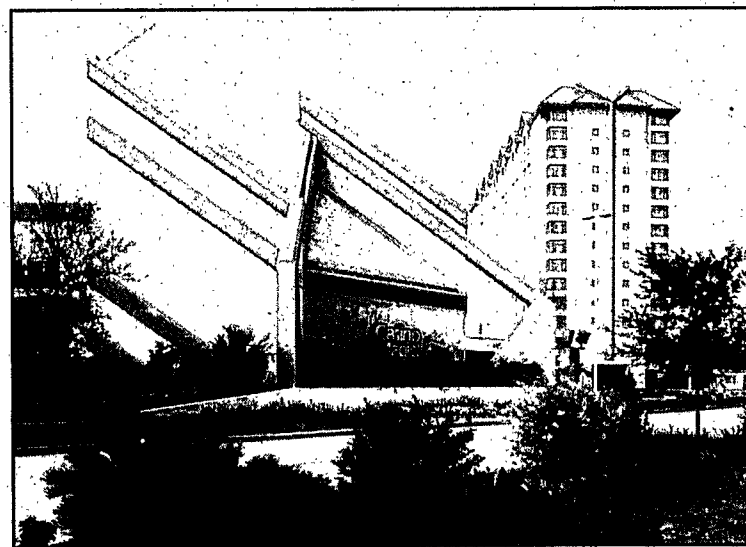
world, offering a full range of entertainment options to attract guests and keep them coming back. In 2003, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis was voted "Luckiest Casino"

by Casino Player Magazine.

The Bay St. Louis property offers almost 40,000 square feet of gaming fun, over 35,000 square feet of meeting options and is also the

Mississippi Gulf Coast's only casino resort with a championship golf course located right on site--The Bridges Golf Club, Mississippi's only Arnold Palmer golf course. It is also the first resort course in the world to receive the Audubon Certified Silver Signature Status. This 18-hole championship course, has several acres of wetlands coming into play, and is outfitted with 21 cart bridges. The course was voted "Best Golf" on the Mississippi Gulf Coast by Casino Player magazine and ranked four stars and "Places to Play" by Golf Digest.

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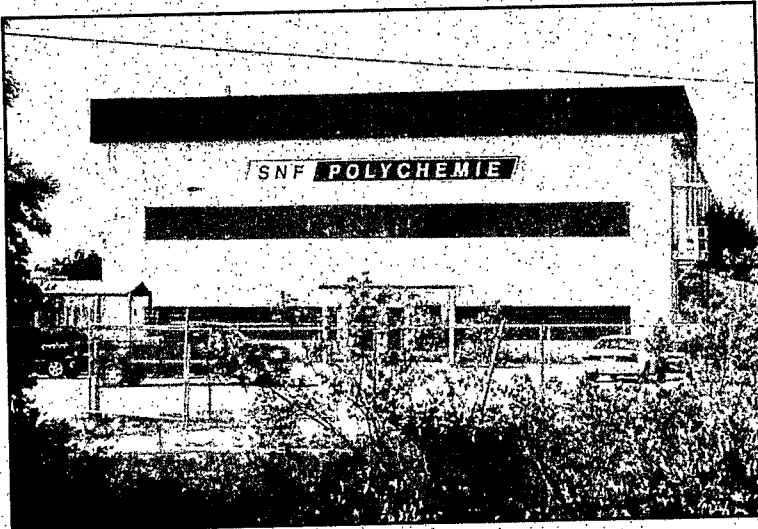
Industry of the Year

Polychemie, Inc.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is the economic development agency for the County. They operate the Port Bienville Industrial Park and the Stennis International Airport. The Port is proud to present the Industry of the Year Award to Polychemie, Inc.

Polychemie, Inc. has a vision to be the world leader in the field of flocculants for water treatment and to diversify into alternate high growth markets. The company is achieving this vision right here in Hancock County as the second largest Polychemie plant in the United States.

In September 2003, Polychemie, Inc. totally relocated to Port Bienville from their plant in Pearl River, Louisiana. This move was part of a methodical evolu-



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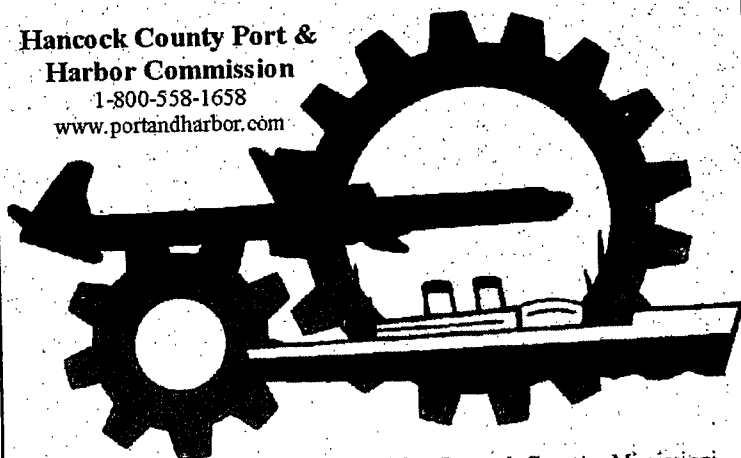
tion that spanned more than a decade.

Today, Polychemie, Inc. employs 50 people who make water treatment chemicals for drinking water, municipal wastewater, and industrial water treatment. More employment positions are

expected, as the company continues to grow their portfolio of water treatment chemicals. The products are used to coagulate any suspended or dissolved solids in the water to filter from the water, creating a clean water stream. Polychemie exports 50% of its products to six of the seven continents. The company provides water treatment chemicals to all of the major municipalities in the U.S., and help industries clean up their wastewater prior to returning the water to our rivers and lakes.

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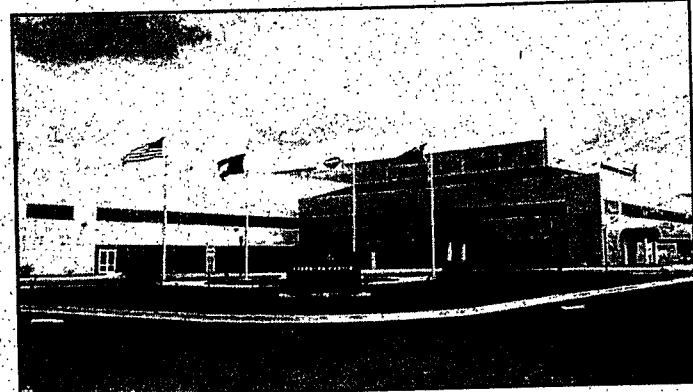
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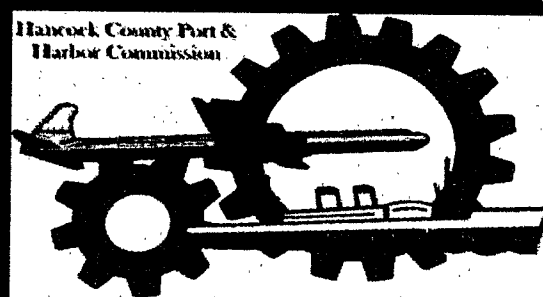
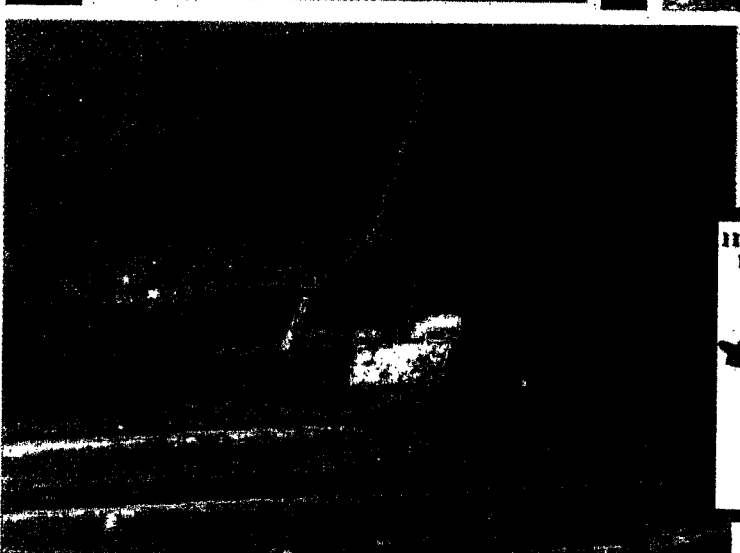
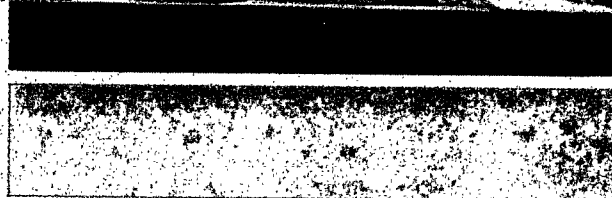
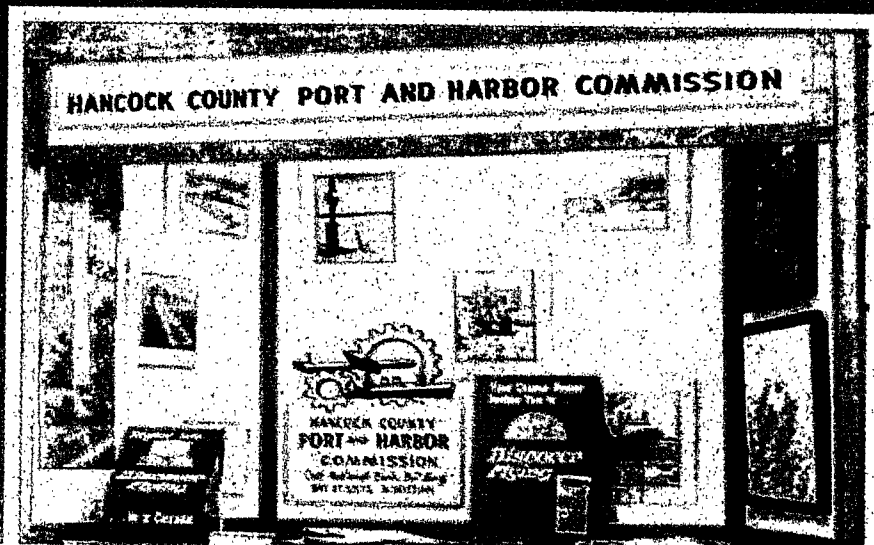
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Sue Ashman, ABR, CRS, GRI Ashman-Mollere Realty, Inc.

She admits, she was not born in the South, but she says she got here as fast as she could. In 1959, Sue Ashman moved to Waveland, Mississippi from Canada with her parents.

Today, she is a veteran in the real estate industry, who says she has been in love with the market since she was a little girl. She obtained her real estate license in 1978, earned a broker's license in 1979, and became broker / manager for Ashman-Mollere Realty in Waveland. In 1994, she became the broker / owner of the company, and built Ashman-Mollere Realty into the oldest, largest non-franchise real estate company in Hancock County.

Over the years, Sue has received numerous sales awards. In 1999, she was named Realtor of the Year, and her company was named one of the top ten women owned businesses on the Gulf Coast.

Sue served as director of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors for two years and



Sue Ashman

held officer positions as secretary and Vice President. In 1998, she was elected President. Over the years, she has served on numerous committees for the Realtors and community organizations. She is a member of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Historical Society and is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church. She is also a member of the Coleman Avenue Coalition and has served as Treasurer

since 2000. Each year, she works on civic committees such as Wavefest and the Trash Can Painting Contest.

Some of Sue's most notable contributions to Hancock County have been through the Krewe of Nereids, which she joined in 1978. For the past 25 years, she has volunteered her time to prepare the floats for the Annual Nereids Parade.

This event has grown from a quiet celebration on Coleman Avenue in Waveland to an event that significantly impacts the local economy. Sue Ashman played a key role in this growth. As an officer of Nereids, she is responsible for preparing the floats to roll on parade day. She is committed to providing Hancock County with a first class event for visitors and residents alike.

Sue Ashman puts Hancock County in the forefront in meaningful and creative ways and that is why we recognize her as one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

John F. Auderer, Jr.

John Auderer is a successful businessman who built a dental laboratory and supply company and shared his knowledge and resources to help others achieve. Known to many as a business partner and friend, he provided leadership in the early years to build the Hancock County economy through new business development.

He is an outstanding and benevolent individual who has always devoted his interests to promote Hancock County. At the age of 88, his commitment is never stronger in his heart and soul. Although retired for close to 20 years, he has continued to support the community.

John helped organize the Coastal Savings & Loan



John F. Auderer Jr.

Association and remained a director through the years to the successors of the financial institution, now Union Planters Bank. Active in the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, he was instru-

mental in hiring the first full-time executive director. He served on various committees, including the formation of the Hancock Development Corporation, serving as President of this Chamber spin-off committee to bring industry to the county.

For many years, John has been responsible for the establishment of many businesses in the Waveland area and continues to promote entrepreneurship. He was a charter member of the Hancock County Tourism and Gaming Commission and worked for the orderly development of the casino industry in Hancock County.

A devout Catholic, he was a founder of the Manressa

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Outstanding Citizens

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Randolph C. Bourgeois

A veteran of World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars, Col. Bourgeois is the recipient of many military awards and citations, including the Legion of Merit, and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism.

After 30 years of military service, he returned to Bay St. Louis in 1975, and became active in community and civic affairs.

He began work as the Hancock County Youth Court Administrator. He also served on the Governor's Economic Development Committee for Hancock County. As the Senior Vice-Commander and former Commander of the VFW Post 3253, he is responsible for all Post Community Services and Activities.

This involves action in more than 30 programs, with focus on safety and educational development of children and young teens.

He is also active with the American Legion Post 139, and serves as a member of the Executive Committee. This year, he served as the Post's King of Carnival.

He is actively involved as a volunteer with the Hancock Medical Center, contributing more than 7,500 hours of time over the years.

For the past seven years, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Human Resources Agency. And, for the past three years, as Board Chairman.

The agency is responsible for operating the Little Acorn Child Development and Senior Citizens



Randolph Bourgeois

Centers in Bay St. Louis.

Under his leadership, the agency was a co-leader with the Bay-Waveland School District to establish the Boys and Girls Club this year. Recently, he was recognized by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Hancock County for volunteer service to the community.

A member of the Kiwanis Club, he serves on the Board for Hancock / West Harrison Counties. Each year, he serves as Easter Bunny and Santa Claus for community activities with children, hospital patients and the elderly. His experience in working with and training young people in the military has taken him to the classroom as a part-time teacher. He is responsible for the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship program, working with eligible students for the past six years.

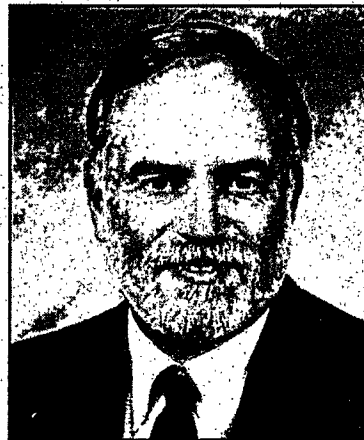
He and his wife Theresa, soon to be wed 58 years, have three children and six grandchildren. His efforts are selfless and tireless, and for these reasons we call Randolph Bourgeois one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

Dave Geiger, Boeing Company

Dave Geiger is the Site Director for the Boeing Company in Hancock County. He moved here in 1996 with his wife Stéphanie and their two sons. From the moment he arrived, he demonstrated leadership characteristics, and was recognized by NASA with the prestigious Public Service Award. He is directly responsible for bringing new business to Hancock County through the creation of new contractual agreements that bring Boeing jobs to Stennis Space Center (SSC).

Reaching out to the community to support different programs that directly affect so many lives in Hancock County is what Dave Geiger does so well. He has supported education partnerships and approved grant funding for projects with Charles B. Murphy Elementary, Hancock High and Hancock County Vo-tech. He participates in the Reading Literacy Program at Murphy and presents year-end achievement awards.

Each year, he presents the annual Senior Awards Boeing Scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing a college degree in engineering or science. He is responsible for securing funding for the introduction of computer-based training modules at Hancock Vo-tech, and approved funding for a Boeing technical instructor to work with students to understand and apply concepts. He is committed to reinvesting in the community to give students a better chance to achieve after they graduate. For the past several years, he has actively participated in the SSC Special Olympic Games. In 1998 and 2001, he served as the United Way of South Mississippi Campaign Cabinet Member and SSC Industrial Campaign Coordinator. In 1998, his efforts led to 16 leadership givers. He was instrumental in raising over-



Dave Geiger

contributions by 21% taking the SSC United Way Campaign over the \$100,000 mark for the first time. He motivated Boeing employees to take the lead at SSC in the 2000 campaign, maintaining that lead for the past three years. Dave Geiger is a leader who is not afraid to roll up his sleeves to help on the United Way Day of Caring, at the Hancock County Youth Task Force to Save Our Children,

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Nicholas McLeod Haas, Attorney

Nicholas McLeod Haas is a leader whose heart beats continuously for the progress and prosperity of Hancock County. His actions are timely and effective. Some would know him as "Mr. Rotarian." To most, he is simply "Mac."

In 1997, the Bay St. Louis Rotary honored him with a Certificate of Appreciation for 26 years of service. Later that same year, he became a Paul Harris Fellow, and today remains active in the organization. He is best known for his quick wit and personality, delighting Rotarians with spontaneous oration during what has been called Hancock County's hysterical moments. When Mac graduated from the University School of Law, he had attained the highest scholastic record in his law class. He has practiced law in Hancock County since 1965. Presently, he serves as public



Mac Haas

defender for the City of Waveland, and is past president of the Public Defenders Association for the State of Mississippi, currently serving on the Board of Directors. He is a past President of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, and still remains an active supporter of the organization. He supports Pearl River Community

College, the Hancock County Historical Society, the newly formed Boys and Girls Club, the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, the Animal Shelter, and Wranps, to name a few.

He also supports St. Stanislaus and this year, he received the Golden Jubilarian Diploma. Throughout his career, he has dedicated years of service to Hancock County and the State of Mississippi, serving in numerous leadership positions—as Captain in the Army, President of the Jaycees, Named Outstanding Young Men of America, Named Outstanding Civic Leader of America, President of Rotary Club, Century Club, Member of the New Orleans Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, President of the Hancock County Bar Association, King of Triton, and as a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is married to Wanda Logan Haas, and they are members of the Annunciation Parish Catholic Church. He has four children and three grandchildren. Mac Haas is a generous person with a big heart. He is always working behind the scenes, making sure others are recognized for their contributions, while never seeking recognition for himself, and that's why we call Mac Haas one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

John Hall Coldwell Banker-Alfonso Realty

John Hall moved from Raleigh, North Carolina to Hancock County in September of 1995 and settled in the Diamondhead community. It was a homecoming for him as his parents, Louis and Neal, who are long time residents of Diamondhead.

He started a business called Shingle Shine of America®. Shingle Shine offered a cleaning technique that would remove the ugly mildew and fungus stains off shingled roofs. Having graduated from Ole Miss with a marketing degree, John used his skills promoting and growing the business. In September of 2002, John obtained his Mississippi State Realtor License and is a full time agent with Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, working out of the Waveland office. In his rookie year he was a top producer and was given the bronze award for sales volume by the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors®. The Shingle Shine® business was later sold and continues on with the new owners.

In 1996, he joined the



John Hall

Diamondhead Business & Professional Association. In 1997, he was appointed Secretary of the association. While in that position, the membership roll increased each year and now stands at 135 business members. He remained Secretary until 2000, when the board of directors appointed him President. During that year, the business association designed and built the beautiful entry wall at the Diamondhead entrance. He is co-chairman each year for the highly successful Merchant's Fair held in November at the

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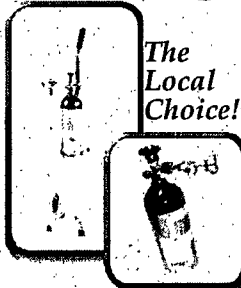
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Outstanding Citizens

Louis 'Lou' Hall

Louis "Lou" Hall retired from Sears Roebuck & Co. in 1986. He and his wife Neal returned to Diamondhead from Chicago. Immediately upon his return, he became involved in community enrichment activities, giving generously of his time and expertise. Over the years, he has served many organizations and still continues to volunteer in so many ways. For the past eight years, he has served on the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission. He served for six years as treasurer, chair of the finance committee, and was also a member of the economic development committee, insurance committee and airport committee.

This year, he served as a member of the Hancock County strategic planning task force, providing leadership to complete a five-year strategic plan for the area. An Elder in the Diamondhead Community Church, he is currently Chair



Louis Hall

of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. Formerly, he served as finance committee chair and treasurer of the endowment committee. He represented the Port & Harbor Commission for Foreign Trade Zone Board #92. As one of the organizers of the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District, Lou served as one of the district's five original commissioners.

He is a member of the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association. For

the past 14 years, he has served as a member of the Hancock County Republican Party Executive Committee. He was a Board member for the United Way of Hancock County for many years. He is also a member of the East Hancock Elementary School Pal's Program, a reading enhancement program for first graders. An active member of the USM Alumni Association and Eagle Club, he is also a patron and former funding raising committee member for the Diamondhead Performing Arts Association. An original organizer and former President of the Diamondhead Tennis Association, he is also a member of the American Legion, VFW, Krewe of Diamondhead, and Krewe of Boaters Association.

It is because of this and much more that we call Lou Hall, one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

Auderer

Retreat Group, an annual 3-day men's retreat in Louisiana. His service as captain and later co-captain of the retreat spanned more than four decades.

He has been active in both St. Clare's Church and School, and St. Stanislaus College.

He continues to lend his support and leadership to catholic education and democracy.

He has been a tireless worker for the Republican Party, volunteering his time

and resources on local, state and national levels.

He was a longtime member of the Hancock County Republican Executive Committee. Wherever there was progress in Hancock County, John Auderer provided leadership and support to make it possible.

Auderer was a member of the Hancock Medical Center Foundation Board, and assisted in raising funds in support of the hospital's expansion projects.

For years, he played

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numerous leadership roles with the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, donating time and resources to make it a success.

Many would describe him as a silent Hancock hero. Never before has one person done so much for so many for so long.

And, he did it with grace, never looking for recognition.

His reward was in seeing others achieve. And, that is why we believe John Auderer is one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

Geiger

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and the Hancock County Food Pantry.

He is a board member of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and serves on an ad-hoc committee to establish guidelines for grant

requests. Community leaders seek his expertise as an advisor, speaker and collaborator.

Recently, he served as keynote speaker at the 35th Annual Hancock Bank

Economic Symposium. Today, he serves on the newly established Stennis Space Center Executive Council to formulate the strategic plans for SSC, Partners for Stennis and the Hancock County

Lockheed

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under a partnership agreement in order to leverage each other's strengths and grow the corporate presence at Stennis. The opening of the new Mississippi Space & Technology Center (MSTC) in 2002 marked a new era for Lockheed Martin at Stennis. The MSTC represents a long-term investment by Lockheed Martin in the future of Stennis and the employment of local residents.

Designed to employ approximately 270 personnel, the MSTC is one of the most versatile facilities operated by the corporation. It contains large engineering areas, a premier metrology laboratory, one of the largest clean room complexes in the

country, plus a fully equipment manufacturing area. Current and planned new programs will potentially surpass MSTC capacities requiring facility expansion.

Cleon Lacefield is Vice President of Space Operations at Stennis supporting NASA and Navy activities, as well as developing new business for other government agencies. Joanne Beckham is Space Systems Director and leads the spacecraft propulsion and thermal systems development and production efforts. Jim Marcussen is the Technical Operations Site Manager and performs manufacturing, engineering services, and metrology operations.

Polychemie

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company SNF S.A., which simply put—stands for nothing.

In the late 80's, the first plant in the United States was purchased in Riceboro, Georgia to begin making polyacrylamide powder and emulsions. In 1990, a plant was established in Pearl River, Louisiana. As a responsible corporate citizen, SNF made a decision years ago to locate all of their chemical plants in relatively uninhabited areas. To realize this goal, SNF bought

acreage in Port Bienville Industrial Park in 1992. In 1998, the company broke ground at Port Bienville, and for the past five years has been steadily moving the production units from the Louisiana facility to the Mississippi facility, now named Polychemie, Inc. The Louisiana facility will be totally shut down by June 2004, with demolition scheduled by the end of the year.

Polychemie, Inc. champions the entrepreneurial spirit vital to economic growth.

Welter

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through the date the war was declared over, Angie cleaned and pressed fatigues at no charge for the active service members.

A member of the First Baptist Church of DeLisle, she has been happily married to Mark for 14 years, and is the mother of seven-year old son, Austin. For the past

five years, she has been an active member of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association, now serving a second term on the Board of Directors. Angie is also a member of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Krewe of Selene, and the International Fabricare Institute.

business community. He co-chairs the Quality of Life Working Committee, established to set priorities to improve quality of life at SSC and in the surrounding com-

munities. Because of these accomplishments and so much more, the people of Hancock County call Dave Geiger, an outstanding citizen.

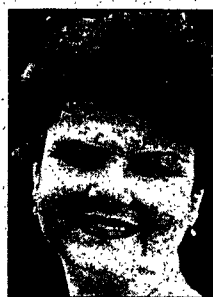
Outstanding Citizens

Martha Claire Haun Granny1.com & Creative Health Resources

In the 18 months that Claire Haun has been a full-time resident of Hancock County, she has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit that comes through intelligence, hard work and very little sleep.

While running her own companies, Granny1.com and Creative Health Resources, she finds time to respond to her community's needs as an active volunteer.

She chairs the Newcomers Committee for the Hancock Chamber, providing personal contact to new businesses and residents. Recently, she organized the first Quarterly Coffee Call for new residents. Monthly, she contacts new Chamber members to welcome them and help them connect business to business.



Claire Haun

She is involved in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk, and sits on the Board of Directors for The Arts-Hancock County and the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre. Her self-taught grant writing efforts have financially benefited both organizations through grant awards from the Mississippi Arts Commission.

To raise the funds needed to match a grant from the Arts Commission, she established several fundraising campaigns including the Chairish Your Theatre campaign for the Little Theatre. Artists will decorate 25 chairs from the Theatre with themes selected from past plays to be auctioned off at the Theatre's Annual Gala. She has worked selflessly to

network resources for the benefit of The Arts and the Little Theatre in an effort to better serve the community.

The impact she has made on the community is immeasurable. The Boys & Girls Club, established this year in Hancock County, is one of the many organizations to benefit from her networking skills.

Working together with the Little Theatre, she has created a partnership between the organization and the Children's Summer Theatre Program.

Whether she spends time volunteering at the Chamber Business Expo, or creating venues to better the organizations she values, her basic philosophy is to get involved and give back to the community – and that's why we believe Claire Haun is one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

David Mayley Pest Control Specialists, Inc.

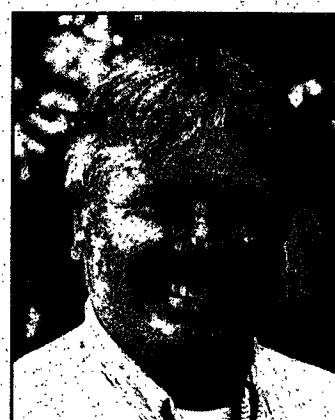
In 1996, David Mayley quit his corporate job of 18 years and moved his family to Bay St. Louis to own and operate a Pest Control Company that was barely alive.

When he first got started, he did most of the work himself, with help from his wife Susanne and her family. Building a business is never easy, but David Mayley was committed to excellence in service. Today, the business has grown to six trucks and ten employees, treating all as if they are family.

When David makes a commitment, he throws himself into it, heart and soul. He works seven days a week if needed, going out of his way to accommodate his customers.

Referred to by many as the "bug man," he is committed to community too. He is Past President of the Mississippi Pest Control Association for a two-year term. He has served on numerous committees for the National Pest Management Association. In 2002, he was elected New Rotarian of the District for the countless hours he devotes to the community through the Club.

He chairs the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, and this year, he will be installed as President of Rotary. During 2003, he served on the Hancock Chamber Executive Committee, and remains active in the organization. He volun-



David Mayley

teers his time to the schools in Hancock County, as a volunteer for Our Lady Academy and as a member of the Bay Waveland School Board.

He currently serves on the Board for the Friends of the Animal Shelter, serving as emcee for the Annual Paws on Parade.

This past year, he chaired the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, raising over \$43,000. Soon after, cancer touched his family in many ways. When asked to chair the event a second year, he came forward without hesitation.

A dedicated husband and father, the only thing he asks of his children is to be productive members of society. David continuously gives of himself, expecting nothing in return. He never complains as he reaches to infinity and beyond—this is why we believe David Mayley is one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

Marian T. Martin

Marian Martin retired from the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. While employed, she accepted a one-year assignment at Gulfside to help restore facilities and reactivate programs at this historical site. She experienced a warm Mississippi welcome, never dreaming that this short-term assignment would extend into 15 years. As Executive Director of Gulfside, she has provided leadership to grow the operating budget from \$85,000 in 1989 to \$517,000 today. Since 2001, \$1.5 million in gifts and pledges have been received to match a \$1.5 million challenge grant for a stewardship and growth plan.

Gulfside sponsors educa-

tional, cultural and missional programs for all age levels. In ministry and outreach to the community, Gulfside provides temporary housing for families without a place to live. Special events include mission travel study, seminars and college tours, and summer day camps. Each year, Gulfside accommodates over 5,000 people from all over the world where United Methodist Church is in mission. By hosting groups for trainings, seminars and retreats, Gulfside significantly impacts the local economy.

Marian became interested in mission at an early age. She has had international

travel experiences. And, she has received numerous awards from Gulfside Assembly, NAACP, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and has been recognized by the United Methodist Women of the Mississippi Conference School of Christian Mission and the Peoples Institute for Survival and Beyond of New Orleans. In 1999, she received the Ellsworth Collins Service Award from the Krewe of Real People.

Under her leadership, Gulfside can continue to provide a place where all of God's people are welcome, and this why Marian Martin truly is one of Hancock's Outstanding Citizens.



Marian Martin

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...A look back at last year's winners

The Hancock County Salute to Business and Industry is the reinvention of the Chamber's Annual Banquet and the Port & Harbor's Annual Awards Luncheon.

Last year's event was significant because for the first time, three agencies — including the Tourism Bureau — concerned with economic and community development joined together to create relationship building opportunities for the community, bringing federal government together with local government, small businesses together with big businesses, and the industrial sector together with the tourism sector.

Businesses of the Year:

Bay St. Louis - Coast Electric Power Association;
Diamondhead - Jackie O's Café;
Kiln - Hancock Plaza;
Waveland - Charlie Henderson Ford.

Tourism Person of the Year:

William R. "Bill" Lady, Holiday Inn Waveland;

Industry of the Year:

Mississippi Polymer Technologies, Inc.;

Award of Excellence:

Captain David Humphreys - Linea Peninsular, Inc.;

Outstanding Citizens & the Citizen of the Year:

Joseph P. "Jody" Compretta, Jr. - Patients Choice, Inc.;
Valerie Edenfield - Hope Haven Children's Shelter;
Ethel Favre - Community Volunteer;
Hancock County Volunteer Fire Fighters;
John "JJ" Jagunich, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis;
Ronald G. Magee - NASA
Olive T. McKenna - Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District;
Kathy Pinn - That Cute Little Shoppe;
Prima Plauche - Hancock County Library System;
Jon E. Ritten - Coldwell Banker.



Bill Lady



Dr. Robert Gagne



Captain Humphreys

Above: Then-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce President John Baxter, left, congratulates Jody Compretta on winning the chamber's annual Citizen of the Year Award at last year's event. Compretta was later named to serve as the Chamber's president for a second term.



Hall

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Diamondhead Country Club. In June of 2000, John ran for and was elected to the office of director for the Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association.

His four-year term ends in June of 2004, but John has entered his name again for re-election in the upcoming June '04 elections. Once again, he is serving as Secretary of the Business & Professional Association. In an ongoing effort to fight litter, John had motions passed by the Diamondhead POA and the Business Association.

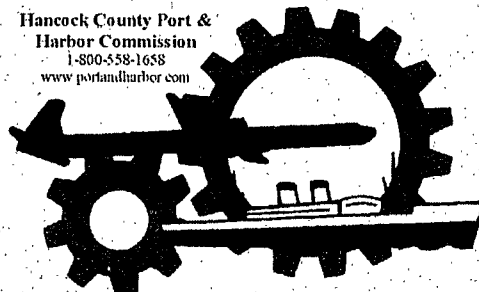
to hire a person to perform a weekly litter pick up along the Diamondhead I-10 interchange. He has been a member of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce since 1997.

John has helped the following organizations with time or donations: Hope Haven, Diamondhead SPCA, Untied Way, Christmas in April, Gulf Coast Heart Association, Gaits to Success, Annunciation Church Men's Club, and Diamondhead Community Church. For this and so much more, Hancock County calls John Hall an Outstanding Citizen.



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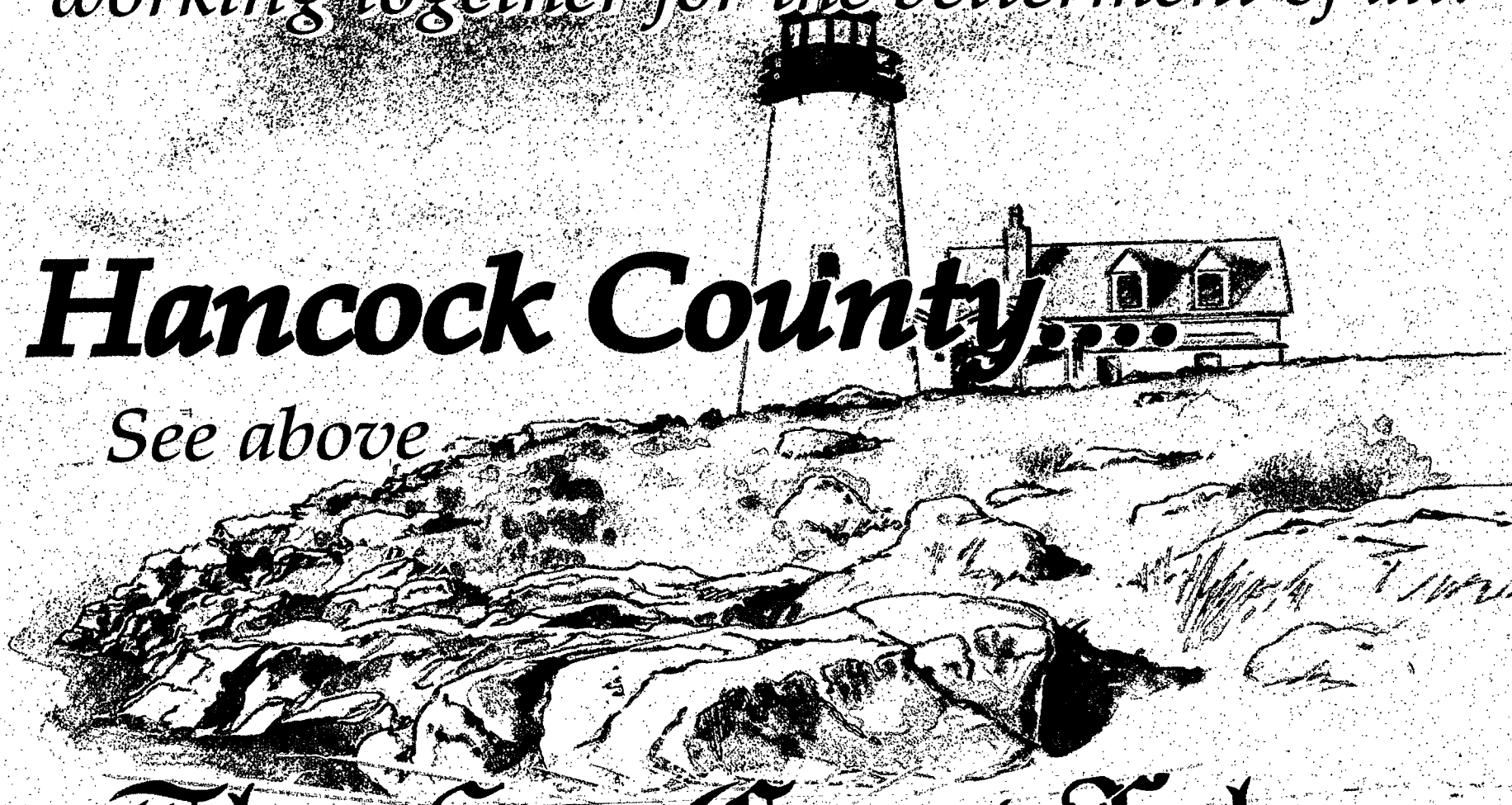
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